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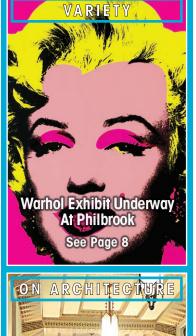
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DRAMA STUDENTS WIN FIRST PLACE IN THIS ISSUE:







THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY: Dorian Gray, played by Davis Simpson, left, speaks to Basil Hallwood, played by Garrett Wheeler, center, and Henry Wooten, played by Harrison Farnam, during Bixby High School's production of The Picture of Dorian Gray. At the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) Regional One-Act Competition Oct. 9, the production received first place and won the technical award for best lighting, sound and set design, and Simpson and Wheeler were two of four Bixby students who were named All-Stars.

On Oct. 9, Bixby High School drama students performed The Picture of Dorian Gray at the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) Regional One-Act Competition under the direction of drama teacher Betty Fisher-Stanton.

The production received first place and won the technical award for best lighting, sound and set design, with four Bixby students of the 11 students being named All-Stars in recognition of their performances: Autumn Andrews, who played The Impresario; Davis Simpson as Dorian Gray, Garrett Wheeler as Basil Hallwood, and Madi Stephens as Sybil Vane.

Fisher-Stanton chose this production for her students to perform for two main reasons, she says. "Because it was first a novel (written by Oscar Wilde in 1890), students can make the connection to literature and read the book.

"Also, I appreciate the story's message that what we value when we're young changes as we get older, and that's something students can relate to."

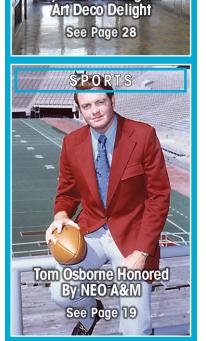
In regional competition, Bixby competed against Muskogee, Owasso and Sapulpa high schools; students will now move on to state competition to be held at the end of October in Ada, Oklahoma.



IMPRESARIO SPEAKS: Autumn Andrews speaks to the audience in her role as The Impresario during Bixby High School's production of The Picture of Dorian Gray. Andrews was named an All-Star at the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) Regional One-Act Competition, held Oct. 9, where Bixby High School drama students performed the play.



SHOWING EMOTION: Dorian Gray, played by Davis Simpson, right, argues with Basil Hallwood, played by Garrett Wheeler. At the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) Regional One-Act Competition Oct. 9, the production received first place and won the technical award for best lighting, sound and set design, and four Bixby stu-dents, including Simpson and Wheeler, were named All-Stars.



KUDOS OF THE MONTH: March of Dimes

March of Dimes will host its 26th annual Signature Chefs Auction Nov. 13 at the Cox Business Center Ballroom. This highprofile event, chaired by State Rep. Glen and Sally

attracts mar Mulready, hundreds of guests, philanthropists and corpo-

funds and awareness for

March of Dimes. Devin Levine, executive risk of lifetime health challenges, such as chef of the BOK Center and the Cox breathing problems, cerebral palsy and intel-Business Center, is lead chef of this year's Signature Chefs Auction and will coordinate culinary creations from a variety of top local chefs.

receive the resources they need while their nic groups.

The Eastern Oklahoma division of the prematurely-born infants receive care. For more than 75 years, families have benefited from March of Dimes research, education, vaccines and breakthroughs.

Premature birth (birth before 37 completed weeks of pregnancy)

of dimes[®] is the leading cause of newborn death. In addition, babies who rations in an effort to raise signature chefs auction[®] survive an early birth often face the

lectual disabilities. Each year, preterm birth affects nearly 500,000 babies-that's one of every nine infants born in the United States. American Indian women have the second March of Dimes helps local families to highest rate for preterm births among all eth-



CHEFS AUCTION: State Rep. Glen and Sally Mulready, this year's event chairs for the March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction, stand with Devin Levine, left, executive chef of the BOK Center and the Cox Business Center and lead chef for the event to be held Nov. 13.

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Tracy M.

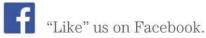




finally free.

Tracy still remembers when her dad sat her down in the third grade to talk about her weight. Since then, Tracy had tried everything from counting calories to fad diets; nothing worked. Then she met the team at The Center for Bariatrics at Bailey Medical Center. Since having her surgical weight loss procedure – or her "birthday" as she likes to call it – Tracy has lost more than half her body weight. More importantly, Tracy gets to spend quality time with her children. She's even run the bases at her daughter's softball games – something she was unable to do before. Because of Bailey Medical Center, Tracy says she's finally free to be the person she was always meant to be. *To learn more about Tracy's life-changing experience at Bailey Medical Center, visit Hillcrest.com*.

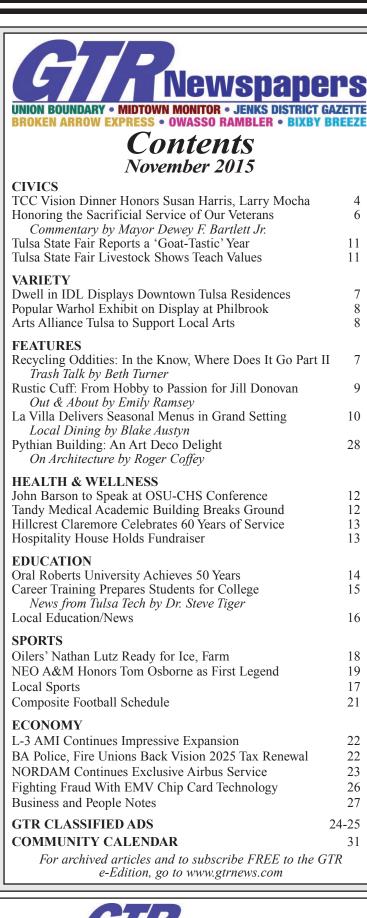
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A Gathering Place For Tulsa Receives Another Major Gift

A Gathering Place for Tulsa and Cimarex Energy Co. announced Cimarex's \$5 million dollar contribution to endow programming for A Gathering Place for Tulsa. The gift is the first of its kind and will ensure that the park has engaging and high quality programming that will create an environment of learning, fun and exploration.

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With Phase I consisting of more than 66.5 acres of family-friendly features and green spaces, the park's programming will be of equal importance. Cimarex and A Gathering Place for Tulsa will develop a programming series that will honor Cimarex's Tulsa employees and all of the people of Tulsa and afford all children and families the opportunity to play, learn and explore in the city's largest park.

"The Tulsa community has been a major factor in our success, and we are excited for the opportunity to give back to a project that allows us give back to a project that allows us to express our gratitude. We see A Gathering Place for Tulsa as a resource for our employees today and in the future," says Tom Jorden, Cimarex president and CEO. "It is our hope that our contribution will ensure world-class programming at the park and instill a sense of pride for our employees who call Tulsa home.'

Cimarex is an exploration and production company with operations across the Midwest including Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. Cimarex has a total of just under 1,000 employees with over 400 of those living and working in Tulsa.

'We continue to be amazed at the broad-based support from Tulsa's corporate community, and we are honored to have Cimarex join as our lead programming donor. The park will have beautiful aesthetics, but it is the programming that will be the life of the park." says Jeff Stava, executive director and trustee of A Gathering Place for Tulsa. "The park is a great example of how an entire community's generosity can forever impact its citizens. We cannot thank our donors enough in helping build a better future for Tulsa.'

The first phase of construction is well underway and is scheduled to last until late 2017.

About A Gathering Place for Tulsa

A project of George Kaiser Family Foundation, A Gathering Place for Tulsa will transform nearly 100 acres of Tulsa's waterfront along the Arkansas River into a dynamic and active space when the project is completed by late 2017. 66.5 acres will be completed within Phase I. GKFF and numerous corporate and community philanthropists gave ownership of the \$350 million park to River Parks million park to









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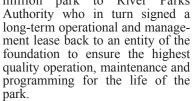


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TULSA REGIONAL CHAMBER







The park will be a central place for Tulsans to gather and enjoy for years to come. The park will blend nature and urban environment and will include features such as a lodge, boathouse, nature walks, two land bridges connecting the two sides of river parks, sporting areas and a pond. A Gathering Place for Tulsa is funded by a mix of corpo-rate and philanthropic Tulsa organizations.

A Gathering Place for Tulsa is doing business as Tulsa's Gathering Place, LLC. To learn more about the project, visit www.agatheringplacefortulsa.com.



TCC Vision Dinner Honors Susan Harris, Larry Mocha

The Tulsa Community College Foundation honored Susan Harris and the legacy of Larry Mocha during its annual Vision in Education Leadership Award Dinner on Sept. 24 at the Cox Business Center. Harris was presented the 2015 Vision in Education Leadership Award for her visionary leadership in creating Tulsa's education landscape, including elementary, sec-ondary and higher education. Mocha was posthumously given the Stephen J. Jatras Award for his lasting legacy and passionate support of TCC.

Leadership Award Dinner surpassed its goal and raised more than Honorary Chair Don Walker pre-\$250,000 for the TCC Foundation which helps TCC achieve the margin of excellence as one of the top community colleges in the nation. The TCC Foundation provided nearly \$4 million in resources through unrestricted, restricted and endowment funds in 2014 for education opportunities for TCC students, faculty and staff.

TCC President Leigh B. Goodson, TCC Foundation 2015 Board Chair Pierce Norton, Vision Dinner

The 2015 Vision in Education Committee Chair Susan Neal, and past Vision recipient and 2015 sented Harris with the Vision in Education Leadership Award.

Many community leaders consider her Tulsa's "education engineer," providing the inspiration, initiative and implementation behind every major education funding initiative or decision made in Tulsa over the course of two decades while she served as senior vice president of education and workforce development at the Tulsa Regional Chamber before her 2013 retirement.

her career in the improvement of school buildings, classroom environments and academic instruction at every level of the educational experience," said TCC President and CEO Leigh B. Goodson. "She's been a tireless advocate for education including her early embrace of Tulsa Achieves as a program to transform Tulsa and build on its economic prosperity by removing barriers to higher education.

The TCC Foundation also recognized education advocate, business owner and long-time TCC supporter Larry Mocha posthumously with the Stephen J. Jatras Award. The award is named after Jatras, a benefactor and community leader who served as both a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the TCC Board of Regents.

Larry Mocha was a dear friend, always supportive, kind and encouraging," said Goodson. "He was passionate about small business, entrepreneurship and education. He invested himself in TCC, Tulsa and the state of Oklahoma, and his spirit and legacy will continue to influence others for years to come.'



Susan Harris invested herself and HONORING VISIONARIES: Susan Harris was presented the 2015 Vision in Education Leadership Award during a dinner at the Cox Business Center. From left, Tulsa Community College Foundation 2015 Board Chair Pierce Norton, 2015 Vision in Education Leadership Award honoree Susan Harris, TCC President Leigh B. Goodson, Vision Dinner Committee Chair Susan Neal, and past Vision recipient and 2015 Honorary Chair Don Walker.

> Mocha served as the TCC Foundation chair in 2014, was a member of the advisory board for the Signature Symphony at TCC, sat on the TCC Presidential Search Committee and was a member of the TCC President's Society. Mocha's wife, Sandy Mocha, and Vince Williams, APSCO president, accepted the award in his honor.

> The Vision Award is presented annually to an individual dedicated to education excellence and community leadership. ONE Gas is the visionary sponsor for the 2015 TCC Vision in Education Leadership Award Dinner. Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, Ruth K. Nelson, TTCU The Credit Union, The University of Tulsa, and The Anne and Henry Zarrow Leadership Foundation are Sponsors.

Education Leadership Award Dinner graduation and success.

committee members are Steve Fate, Shane Fernandez, Jim Langdon, Mina Lotti, Nancy McDonald, Steve Turnbo, and John Wiscaver.

Past honorees include Jake Henry Jr., Don Walker, Keith Ballard, Lynn and Stacy Schusterman; Gov. Brad Henry, Montie Box, David Boren, John-Kelly C. Warren, Michael Johnson, Early Childhood Advocates: Martin Fate (posthumously), Leonard Eaton, Bill Doenges, Robert LaFortune, George Kaiser, Nancy McDonald, Pete Churchwell, Sen. Ted Fisher, and Rep. Ron Peters; Ron King; Dr. Jim and Ann Halligan; John Gaberino; Ken Lackey; and Dr. Paula Marshall.

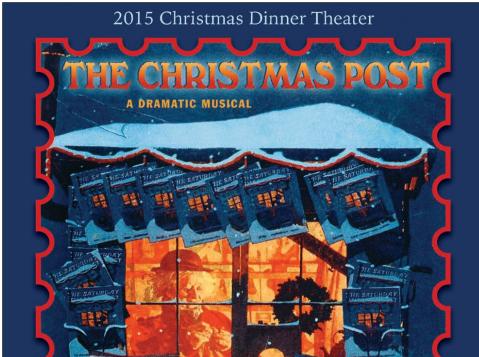
Funds raised by the Vision Dinner support student scholarships, competitive academic conferences for students, presentations by noted scholars and enhancements in the The 2015 TCC Vision in classroom to propel TCC students to



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agreed to that day silenced the guns of the first World War. The war itself was known as "the war to end all wars Unfortunately, the truce would not last; the world would soon face another deadly World War.

As we had before, the United States of America would send her sons and daughters to fight across the globe. The men and women who



COMMENTARY BY MAYOR DEWEY F. BARTLETT, JR

fought and the lives lost on foreign truly the land of the free because soil served as a reminder that our of the brave

On November 11, 1918, a cease- freedoms, the ones we cherish and Our nation will be observing fire went into effect. The armistice hold dear, are not free. Our free- Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov.

doms must be men and women of the United States Military. Everyone who fought sacrificed something, and some would sacrifice it all. Today, men and women continue to serve our country with bravery, distinction, and honor. Every veteran has made sacrifices

to ensure the freedom of all American citizens. We are

11 with celebrations and parades paid for by the honoring our military members and veterans. In Tulsa, our annual Veterans Day Parade will begin at 11 a.m. and will take place at the Williams Green on 3rd Street and Boston Avenue between the Hyatt Regency and the Performing Arts Center. I invite you to join me in this annual event that honors the heroes among us. If you are unable our to make it in person, you can watch it live on Channel 8 from 11 a.m. to noon. The parade is a tribute to those who have sacrificed their time away from family and for some, their lives.

As you may know, Tulsa has a proud history of serving those who have served. Tulsa has the honor of being the only city to have hosted a Veterans Day parade since the original designation, and we are one of the few cities in the nation that pays tribute to our Medal of Honor recipients.

Tulsa also is home to many fine ication and commitment that our organizations that set the standard for other veterans' programs across munity is unparalleled. the country. Other municipalities come to Tulsa to learn how to properly administer programs. The ded- Parade!

citizens bring to the veteran com-

If you're able to attend, I hope to see you at the Veterans Day



SALUTING VETS: Neighbors living in a cul-de-sac in the Minshall Park neighborhood in midtown-south Tulsa annually paint a look-alike of the U.S. flag on their street in remembrance of American veterans. From left are Rick Bahlinger, Nick Ede and Jim Heatherman. The neighbors started the tradition in the early 2000s when one of Heatherman's sons was returning from duty in the Middle East. Heatherman, a Vietnam veteran and a former U.S. Marine officer, has four sons. Three of his sons are also U.S. Marine officers, and the fourth works for the U.S. Department of Defense.



FEEDING OKLAHOMA: Eileen Bradshaw, executive director of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, speaks at Governor Fallin's "Feeding Oklahoma Drive" kickoff. The sixth annual Feeding Oklahoma Drive has a goal of raising two million meals to help feed hungry Oklahoma families, children and seniors. The food drive benefits the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and their partner agencies across the state. For more information, see page 30.



Dwell in IDL Displays Downtown Tulsa Residences

By EMILY RAMSEY Managing Editor

On Oct. 4, Tulsa Foundation for Architecture (TFA) hosted its annual Dwell in the IDL tour, where downtown Tulsa residences opened their doors to show attendees the various available living options.

This year, the tour showcased living spaces at Philtower Lofts, Mayo 420, Mayo Hotel & Lofts, Harrington Lofts, Coliseum Apartments, Urban 8, Standard Printing Company, and City Tent and Awning Company.

"We try to give tour attendees a nice mix of spaces while keeping the tour reasonably walkable," says TFA Executive Director Amanda DeCort. "We want to include places that people can both rent and buy as well as a few special places that may not be presently available for occupancy but are fun to check out."



URBAN LIVING: Attendees of Tulsa Foundation for Architecture's annual Dwell in the IDL tour, held Oct. 4, visited eight downtown Tulsa residences including Urban 8, pictured at left, and Mayo Hotel & Lofts. Other stops on the tour were Philtower Lofts, Mayo 420, Harrington Lofts, Coliseum Apartments, City Tent and Awning Company, and Standard Printing Company.

buildings that are still under construction, including the YMCA Building and Vandever Lofts.

'We didn't have a true hard-hat stop In past years, the tour has featured on the tour this year, but next year, we ly events.

will showcase at least one project that has been shown as a hard-hat tour in the past," says DeCort.

TFA hosts other annual and month-

In conjunction with AIA Eastern tecture walking tour features infor-Oklahoma, TFA will hold a downtown Tulsa architecture bike tour on Nov. 15, called ArchiTread. Its monthly Second Saturday archi- Dome District.

mation on Tulsa history. In November, the tour will focus on buildings in downtown Tulsa's Blue

Recycling Oddities: In the Know, Where Does it Go Part II

As Tulsa County continues to not. The only portion of this product filters makes me proud of our public, become more recycling-friendly, the layperson can easily recycle is the because I feel that our desire to recycurbside customers continue to throw metal nose strip, which can be tossed

more in the recycling bin than recycles. Combining this with my burgeoning pile of items I can't bear to throw in the trash, it became time to research the best plan for recycling odd items that I feel you may deal with as well.

Managing Masks

Let's start with the product in the photo that is revealed as the least recycla-

ble... the health and safety mask. I first thought the material could go in save me from an allergy attack after the compost, thinking it was made of cotton. However, these days it seems pensive washable, reusable dust there cannot be a fabric without plastic woven in, and sure enough the Home Depot. mask in the photo is mostly made of nylon. The exhalation valve appears PUR Recycling to be of plastic #1 or 2 but alas, it is

in a curbside bin. On a brighter note, the maker of

this mask, 3M, touts several sustainable practices in its manufacturprocesses ing which reduces waste, water and energy usage. Product Manager Westin Dawn pointed out that their packaging is recyclable and that sometimes it is unsafe for their disposable masks to go in a recy-

cling bin due to

the contaminants

By BETH TURNER Tulsa Master Recyclers Association

they filter. Since my mask is used mainly to mowing or dusting, I found an inexmask that is made in the U.S.A. at

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cle everything is driving manufacturers to meet our needs. My water filter is a Whirlpool/PUR brand.

While Whirlpool does not recycle its products personally, it recently partnered up with TerraCycle. Oh wow, this is a cool organization. According to its website, TerraCycle can recycle all PUR and Brita products, including pitchers, faucet mount systems, all types of water filters, and even the packaging.'

Sign online up at www.terracycle.com. Once you have a box of stuff, simply print off a free shipping label and drop it off at your local UPS office.

While at the website, check out all their offerings to ship your stuff to be recycled...from skin care and cosmetic packaging, power bar wrappers, juice pouches, one-use coffee discs, and more.

Safety Tips

While researching, I came across some great tips. Apparently, some websites claim to specialize in filter recycling so if one charges a fee, especially if above any needed shipping costs, do not press go...this is a sales or marketing trick.

Also, do not attempt to recycle your own water filter. I watched a YouTube video on breaking down the products for recycling, which was way more work than I ever planned to do...thankfully. Manufacturers say that these filters contain potentially toxic contaminants you do not want exposed to you or your family. So, ship them off and let someone else take care of it!

E-Recycling



IN THE KNOW: We take a look at how to recycle a Whirlpool water filter, dust mask, battery powered thermostat, an electronic doorbell, an old thermostat and an electrical fuse.

ic waste or e-waste is the fastest growing municipal waste stream in America: 20 to 50 million metric tons of it tossed out worldwide. Tiny bits of gold and silver in each cell phone adds up to more than \$60 million tossed in our trash.

Take for instance the electrical fuse, doorbell and thermostat in the photo. These items can be dropped off at Natural Evolutions or its supported M.E.T. locations at 302 N. Elm in Broken Arrow, 3495 S. Sheridan in Tulsa, and 1101 S. Cincinnati in Tulsa. All of these locations have attendants on hand to help you. Drop off is not available if attendants are not on site, so check hours of operation before heading out.

Hazardous Help

The last item in our photo is the old thermostat, which utilized mercury to do its job. This puts it clearly in the hazardous waste zone. Luckily, the According to the Environmental M.E.T.'s semi-annual Fairgrounds Protection Agency, or EPA, electron- Collections Event will be Saturday



WHAT'S NEXT: Send in your thoughts about how to recycle the items in this photo, which will be discussed in next month's column.

and Sunday, Nov. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Îtems accepted include thermostats like mine, household cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, automotive fluids, cooking oil, batteries, all fluorescent light bulbs, small ammunition. smoke alarms, aerosol paint, hobby paint, pool chemicals, items containing mercury, gasoline, and unused or out-of-date prescription medications.

The collection is for residents of Bixby, Broken Arrow, Claremore, Collinsville, Coweta, Glenpool, Jenks, Owasso, Sand Springs, Tulsa and Tulsa County, not businesses.

Collecting Thoughts

What items do you want to recycle and aren't sure how? Send in your thoughts to bethturner@me.com or tweet @TrashTalkTulsa. While you're at it, send in your best judgment on what to do with the items posted in the above photo at right. We'll discuss those next month. Happy recycling!

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Popular Warhol Exhibit on Display at Philbrook

ing In Living Color: Andy Warhol the collections of Jordan D. and Contemporary Printmaking from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his Family Foundation. The exhibit opened Oct. 18 and runs through January 17.

The Warhol exhibit at Philbrook follows a well-received year-long tour to several museums across the U.S. This exhibition, organized and traveled by the Joslyn Art Museum (Omaha, Neb.), includes over 110 works by Warhol and 17 other artists working since 1945, including Keith Haring, John Baldessari, Edward Ruscha, Louise Bourgeois, Helen Frankenthaler and Richard Diebenkorn. Reflecting a range of aesthetic concerns and conceptual underpinnings, In Living Color highlights artists who invest in the power of their color palettes. Dispatching a seemingly endless array of colors, Warhol depicted the world with the volume turned up. His example reverberates throughout contemporary printmaking.

Philbrook Curatorial staff selected this traveling presentation for their 2015-2017 Special Exhibition Series to highlight a period of contemporary art history not readily available to Tulsans. "This exhibition allows Philbrook visitors to examine the ways these artists use color as a tool to challenge how audiences understand otherwise ubiquitous and iconic imagery of popular culture," remarks Dr. contemporary art. "Furthermore, In day-to-day conditions of contem- nificant body of work by Warhol in she often resisted identifying spe- humor, wit and the occasional barb.

Philbrook Museum of Art is host- Living Color, which is drawn from Schnitzer and his family foundation, involves this thoughtful collector whose passion to share these vibrant and riveting works is visible through his personal participation." Mr. Schnitzer will present two lectures to Philbrook Members during their preview events and has underwritten several related programs. In Living Color: Andy and Warhol Contemporary Printmaking from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his Family Foundation will remain travel to Jacksonville, Fla., after the Philbrook closing.

About the Exhibition

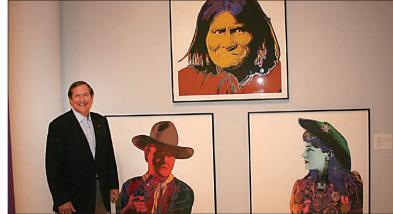
Andy Warhol (1928-1987) once famously quipped, "I like boring things." Indulging this inclination throughout his career, he depicted the mundane, the everyday, the obvious, and the overused. Encompassing three decades of Warhol's work, In Living Color examines how the artist's "boring things" came to life through his exuberant use of color. The leading figure of American Pop Art, a movement that took shape in the 1950s, Warhol focused his attention on the social and political turbulence and unprecedented consumerism that emerged as the United States began to recover from World War II. Drawing inspiration from the rapidly changing world around him, Warhol pursued Sienna Brown, Philbrook's Nancy E. Meinig curator of modern and more inclusive and aware of the Attitude. Each section places a sig-



ANDY WARHOL'S MARILYN MONROE

porary life. Seeking to downplay the role of originality in art, Warhol and his fellow Pop artists adopted mechanical means of generating images, such as screenprinting, a technique that allowed for the production of multiple identical editions. In Living Color features some of Warhol's most iconic screenprints, including his portraits of Marilyn Monroe and Mao Zedong, the splashy camouflage series, and his controversial Electric Chair portfolio.

Drawn exclusively from Portland, Ore.-based collector Jordan Schnitzer's extensive holdings, which include over 9,000 contemporary prints, the exhibition is divided into five sections: Experimentation, Emotion,



JORDAN SCHNITZER AND FRIENDS: Art Collector Jordan Schnitzter smiles as he introduces his extensive Warhol collection to the Philbrook Museum of Art. Schnitzer resides in Portland, Oregon and has a diverse collection of prints from the 1960s to the present. Schnitzer has served on over 31 civic and cultural boards including the Portland Art Museum, the Japanese Garden Society of Oregon and the High Desert Museum.

conversation with prints made by cific subjects in her work, fellow artists who use color as a tool to shape how viewers read and respond to imagery. The artists featured in In Living Color may not all respond directly to Warhol, yet his example reverberates throughout post-war printmaking. Just as Warhol's vivid sunset images are thought to have been inspired by the views from his beach house on Long Island, Richard Diebenkorn's seminal Ocean Park series reflects the intense sunshine and splashy color of the Southern California neighborhood where he kept his studio for nearly 20 years. Helen

Frankenthaler once explained: "I think of my pictures as explosive landscapes, worlds and distances held on a flat surface." Her three woodcuts in the exhibition subtly recall the golden hues of sunrise, the expanse of an insect's milky wings and the earthy shades of an evergreen forest.

With his signature mix of bravado and practiced deadpan, Warhol dug below the surface of contemporary culture to uncover the absurdities, prejudices, fallacies and contemporary culture. More than 30 years after his death, Warhol's work con-Frankenthaler was similarly moti-vated by her surroundings. While mon images and objects with

Arts Alliance Tulsa to Support Local Arts

On Oct. 6, representatives from 45 incubate, organize and oversee diligence, distribute to local arts local nonprofit arts organizations joined Phil Lakin, CEO of Tulsa Community Foundation, in launching Arts Alliance Tulsa, a new endeavor to provide funding and audience development support for the community's cultural assets.

The press conference took place at Flv Loft, 117 N. Boston, in downtown Tulsa.

Lakin said that the need for an arts alliance has been discussed for at least two decades and that the subject came to a point of action in the spring of 2014 when the city's budget did not provide for typical funding for some previously-funded arts programs. While the city restored funding for that year, Lakin and Councilor G.T. Bynum promised arts entities that a solution would be found. Lakin took a proposal to Tulsa Community Foundation's board in November 2014, and TCF agreed to able independent review and due executive director.

finances and activities for AAT.

The George Kaiser Family Foundation will also provide seed money for the organization's first three years.

"AAT will be of great value to so many people like me," said Lakin. "I don't know all the needs of our qualitv arts and cultural groups, but I know that I want to support them and make opportunities available to our kids and adults not only for observing but also for performing. My wife and I will be among the first to contribute to AAT, and I know many others will join us and will watch AAT assist numerous nonprofits and individuals."

AAT joins a national network of similarly-organized arts alliances that function to receive funds from individuals, corporations and charitable foundations and, after consider-

institutions and provide support to the cultural community.

Arts organizations can access the grant application online.

Applications are only good for one year, so arts organizations must reapply yearly to receive funding. Additionally, the funding that AAT provides will focus on supporting arts organizations' operating funds.

AAT's board seeks to raise money to provide ongoing support to arts groups by consolidating cultural fundraising efforts into a single organization and use its deep and diverse knowledge of the cultural community to disperse the funds broadly and strategically.

It will hold a funding campaign every spring to raise money.

"Our goal is to have the most economic impact on Tulsa and the arts here," said Todd Cunningham, AAT



COMMUNITY BACKING: Todd Cunningham, left, executive director of Arts Alliance Tulsa, and Phil Lakin, CEO of Tulsa Community Foundation, speak at an Oct. 6 press conference, where Lakin announced the formation of Arts Alliance Tulsa, which will provide funding and audience development support for Tulsa's cultural assets.



Rustic Cuff: From Hobby to Passion for Jill Donovan

A private Facebook page that has grown to nearly 20,000 devout fol-lowers in five months. experience (on the Oprah Show) happened to me," says Donovan. It seems that she has found her

Online specials that sell out in sec- answer. onds and crash servers in the process.

Loyal shoppers willing to camp out overnight in lieu of a special offer.

Just another day in the life of Jill Donovan, a trans-plant Tulsan and founder of Rustic Cuff, her jewelry business of four years.

"Really, I didn't want this," she says of her business' rapid growth since she began making cuffs for fun in 2011.

When Donovan's fledgling business outgrew her house - "it got to where

we almost couldn't live in our home anymore" - she moved her cuffs and her four employees in December 2012 to an office space at 41st Street and Harvard Avenue.

"I figured that we would mainly be an online business. I said that if I could just sell three cuffs per day, I could make payroll for everyone," she says.

Donovan's success has partly come from her ability to take her negative experience on the Oprah Show, where she was a guest in 2004 and was chastised for being a "regifter," and turning that experience into a Cinderella story that ends with her cuffs being worn by Oprah on the cover of O Magazine.

"For whatever reason, I just knew one day that I would know why that



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including Miranda Lambert, Jennifer Nettles of Sugarland, Sheryl Crow, The Pioneer Woman Ree Drummond, Dolly Parton and Elisabeth Hasselbeck.

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"It's been a snowball effect," she says. "It hasn't been one thing that has caused our success.'

Now, Donovan uses her cuffs as a way to spread her idea of regifting or, in other words, giving to others. Donovan is known for giving away cuffs to those in attendance at her

public speaking engagements. At a Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce October luncheon, she gave each attendee two pink cuffs in recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, encouraging everyone to give one of their cuffs to someone who has been affected by breast cancer.

Though, it's not always cuffs that Donovan gives away.

Recently, when Donovan spoke at Bishop Kelley High School, she gave \$20 to each of the male students in attendance, telling them to pass the money along to someone else.

"I had a mother come into my showroom crying a few days later because of her son's experience giving his \$20 away," she says. "Now, he gives a portion of money from each of his paychecks away. She told me that it changed his life." Addicted to Cuffs, a private

Facebook page created in May by diehard Rustic Cuff lovers, offers individuals a way to show off their cuffs and also to talk about how they share their cuffs with others.

"This Facebook group writes amazing stories about how it made them feel to regift a cuff and how it changed their life," says Donovan.

"What started as my story about regifting-gone-wrong has really turned into this amazing thing."

Since its beginnings, Rustic Cuff has grown to, currently, 40 employees plus 80 temporary workers, with Donovan planning to open a Rustic Cuff retail location in the Vineyard on Memorial shopping center at 109th Street and Memorial Drive.

"It's going to provide a really awe-some shopping experience," she

While Donovan recognizes that her business' growth may be inevitable, she's hesitant about the speed of growth. "I don't want us to grow too quickly and lose the heart and soul of what we do.'

Because heart and soul is what Donovan puts into her business day in and day out.

"It's overwhelming and all-encompassing. It's more than 24 hours a day

"But," she adds, "this is not even a job for me; it really is my passion."



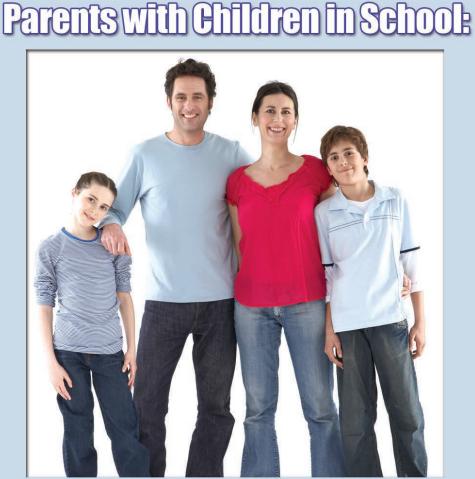
NATIONAL POPULARITY: Rustic Cuff founder Jill Donovan, second from left, stands with April Sailsbury, left, senior vice president for the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce; Lynda Wingo, executive director of Miss Helen's Private School; and Tiffani Bruton, Broken Arrow Chamber board chair and director of public affairs for Cox Communications, at the Broken Arrow Chamber's Oct. 6 luncheon where Donovan was the guest speaker.

MILESTONE RECOGNIZED

BOK ACHIEVEMENT: On Sept. 25, the BOK Center hit the milestone of five million attendees to the arena. At 6:05 p.m., the arena's five millionth customer, Hunter Orcutt, walked through the doors and had her ticket to see Florida Georgia Line scanned. Orcutt and her hus-band, Alan, had their seats upgraded to the first row, they met Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley of Florida Georgia Line prior to the show, and Orcuit received an assortment of other prizes.







The View, The Wendy Williams Show and E! News, and her cuffs have been photographed on

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the arms of numer-

celebrities,

Donovan began

making cuffs in

2011 as a hobby,

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——DINING OUT GREATER La Villa Delivers Seasonal Menus in Grand Setting

LOCAL DINING

By BLAKE AUSTYN Contributing Writer

It's no secret that the Philbrook Museum of Art is a gem among gems in Tulsa.

Its restaurant. La Villa Restaurant. located on the museum's lower level, offers a beautiful setting for a relaxing lunch with an eastward facing wall of windows overlooking the museum's luscious, well-kept gardens.

Restaurant and catering entrepreneur Siegmund Brown took over ownership of La Villa in 2012. Brown is a graduate of the School of Hospitality Management at Florida International University; he later earned his MBA from the University of Tulsa.

After an extensive food and beverage career working for a national firm, he settled in Tulsa.

The restaurant's head chef is Benjamin West who received his classical training in Canada from the George Brown Culinary School in Toronto and has worked

in fine dining and on five-star cruise lines.

La Villa's menu endeavors to mirror the airy, open feeling of its interior with its current seasonal menu of salads, sandwiches and soups.

Local produce from Scissortail Farms, which produces sustainable produce through hydroponic farming, is used for its salads.

The restaurant also offers catering and event services and a much-ravedabout Sunday Brunch, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The brunch is on the affordable end, at \$24.95, and includes seafood, carved meats and seasonal specialties.

I chose to bring my mother for lunch at La Villa on a Saturday afternoon recently.

I started with a Spicy Bloody Mary upon a recommendation I received earlier in the week from a friend, who did not steer me wrong. It had just the right amount of spice and tanginess. I would return just to have another one. For our appetizer, we chose the Pan Seared Crab Cakes. Two cakes come per order, and they are brimming

with crab, making the cakes hearty yet still light and moist. For our entrees, I chose the La Villa





PHILBROOK DINING: Siegmund Brown, left, proprietor of La Villa Restaurant, stands with La Villa Head Chef Benjamin West in the restaurant's dining room at Philbrook Museum of Art. La Villa serves lunch Tuesday-Saturday and Sunday Brunch. Pictured at left is the restaurant's Lemon Tart, which was light and flavorful.

of our waitress. The burger is topped with avocado, cheddar cheese, sautéed onions, lettuce, tomato and grilled pineapple. The pineapple added an unexpected yet welcome, sweet flavor to the burger.

My mother ordered the Quiche, which is a vegetarian dish. It was

flavor nuances that I could detect, and our waitress said that it is a popular dish. However, I could see some individuals walking away disappointed that the flavors were not stronger.

For dessert, I was in the mood for something light, so I chose the Lemon Tart, which, aside from the

Turkey Burger, upon the suggestion light and moist, and I appreciated the Bloody Mary, got my vote as my favorite item. It was light and sweet but still tart. And the flavors only improved upon a few moments of savoring.

La Villa Restaurant is open Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. as well as for Sunday Brunch. Call 918-748-5367 to make a reservation



JAZZ DINNER: On Nov. 14, Tulsa's Table's Pop-Up Jazz Dinner will be held at Girouard Vines, 817 E. 3rd St. The dinner will be the first in a series of dinners benefitting efforts to empower at-risk youths through mentorship opportunities. The Pop-Up Jazz Dinner is hosted by Girouard Vines and Hope Egan, second from left of Red Thistle Catering Co. The evening will feature live music, local food and wine pairings



WHITE FLAG REOPENS: White Flag Pub + Grub, 116 S. Elgin Ave., in downtown Tulsa, celebrated its official reopening Oct. 10. The menu includes from-scratch pub food items, such as St. Louis and Detroit style pizzas, wings, nachos, and Smash Burgers, plus Oklahoma craft beers.



CHILI COOK OFF: Steve Abbott, with Electrical Products, stands with three types of chili that he entered in the Chili Cook Off that was held Oct. 14 and was hosted by Elliott Electric Supply, 6917 E. 12th St.



DOWNTOWN TULSA RESTAURANT: A winter opening is planned for Take 2: A Resonance Café, 309 S. Main St., in the former Grand Selections space. An initiative by the local nonprofit Resonance Center for Women, Take 2 is a transitional program that provides skills training, short-term housing and immediate employment for women when they release from prison.

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Tulsa State Fair Reports a 'Goat-Tastic' Year

The 2015 Tulsa State Fair finished its 11-day run Oct. 11 and saw an estimated attendance of 1.2 million.

"Throughout the year, our team plans, builds and prepares for Tulsa's largest family event. There is a lot of pressure that goes into executing an event of its size," says Mark Andrus, president and CEO of Expo Square. "With over 800 scheduled events taking place during an eleven day span, every detail is discussed and considered with the best interest of our community in mind."

Fair organizers saw a nine percent increase in Midway ride sales, a 41 percent increase in Sky Ride sales and a six percent increase in ExpoSERVE Concession sales in comparison with 2014.

For the second year in a row, the youth, selling 167 animals (see 54 percent increase in ticket sales. Support Livestock Auction raised article below). "The growth and improvements Junior Livestock Auction raised over \$600,000 in scholarship fund-ing for Oklahoma 4-H and FFA on Ice Frozen. Disney on Ice saw a whelming support of our patrons," result focused on blending tradi-held Sept. 29-Oct. 9.



HIGH DIVING PIRATES: *The High Diving Pirates perform at the 2015* Tulsa State Fair, which was held Oct. 1-11. This year, fair organizers reported an estimated attendance of 1.2 million and a nine percent increase in Midway ride sales, a 41 percent increase in Sky Ride sales and a six percent increase in ExpoSERVE Concession sales in comparison with 2014.



ANIMAL-CENTRIC: Lexie Robinson poses with her goat Peaches during the Tulsa State Fair. The fair held livestock activities starting Sept. 24 through the last day of the fair, Oct. 11. For the second year in a row, the Junior Livestock Auction raised over \$600,000 in scholarship funding for Oklahoma 4-H and FFA youth, selling 167 animals.

says Fair Manager Amanda Blair. tions with the high intensity enter-"The amount of hard work, as well

tainment our patrons expect."

The 2016 Tulsa State Fair will be

Tulsa State Fair Livestock Shows Teach Values

The Tulsa State Fair Junior Livestock Auction is a time honored tradition that celebrates and rewards agricultural youth across the state of Oklahoma. Thousands of 4-H and FFA Oklahoma youth traveled to Tulsa to compete in the State Championship of Livestock Shows in hopes of winning the prestigious title of Grand Champion.

The most superior animals are showcased in the annual Tulsa State Fair Junior Livestock Auction, which rewards these victorious individuals for their hard work and accomplishments. Livestock Shows provide youths opportunity to advance their knowledge and careers and teach hard work, dedication, responsibility, loyalty, pride and teamwork.



AUCTION TIME: Mike Spradling, left, with Fairgrounds Trust Authority, and Greg Conway, executive director Tulsa Boys Home, were both present at the Tulsa State Fair's Junior Livestock Auction on Oct. 8.



ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES: From left, Mark Andrus, CEO of Expo Square, County Commissioner John Smaligo, John Weidman, Tulsa attorney and long-time supporter of the Junior Livestock Auction, and County Commissioner Karen Keith pose at the Tulsa State Fair's Junior Livestock Auction.



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HEALTH John Barson to Speak at OSU-CHS Conference

John Barson, D.O., will present a lecture on gator in the use of chromoendoscopy at the aerospace and occupational medicine during the 32nd annual Primary Care Update, to be held Nov. 6-8 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tulsa - Warren Place.

Barson, a graduate of Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, is the deputy regional flight surgeon for the Federal Aviation Administration in Georgia. His father, John Barson, Ed.D., was the founding president of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, now known as Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and OSU-COM.

Other featured speakers at the continuing medical education conference include D.O. Picco will speak on chromoendoscopy, ulcerative colitis. He is the lead study investi- conference, visit healthsciences.okstate.edu.

Mayo Clinic in Florida.

The conference will feature additional wellknown speakers who will lecture on a variety of primary care topics, including atrial fibrillation, refractory depression treatment strategies, abnormal uterine bleeding, managing decompensated liver disease, lung nodules and cancer screening, chronic renal failure, appropriate use of anti-HIV medication, domestic parasitology, healthy bones, and geriatric care. The conference also will offer a proper prescribing lecture approved by the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

The conference is open to practicing and Michael Picco, M.D. and John Manfredonia, retired physicians and health care professionals, students, interns, residents and fellows. an advance in the detection of dysplasia in For more information or to register for the



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TANDY MEDICAL ACADEMIC BUILDING BREAKS GROUND



EXPANDING FACILITIES: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences officials and donors, including OSU President Burns Hargis, fifth from left, hold framed keepsakes that they received from OSU medical students at the October groundbreaking for the \$45 million A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Medical Academic Building.

Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) hosted a groundbreaking for the \$45 million A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Medical Academic Building.

The 84,000-square-foot Tandy Medical Academic Building will include a state-ofthe-art hospital simulation center to provide training for the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. The hospital simulation center will include a fully operational emergency room, operating room, intensive care unit, birthing suite and ambulance bay, enabling students to practice procedures and skills commonly utilized in hospitals across the country.

The Tandy Medical Academic Building will enable the College of Osteopathic Medicine to continue offering the best med-ical training in Tulsa," said OSU President Burns Hargis. "It will help us fulfill our land grant mission to train physicians to care for the citizens of Oklahoma.'

The A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Foundation provided \$8 million toward construction of the four-story building. Other significant donors to the Tandy Medical Academic Building include the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, the Honorable Terry Kern and Jeanette Kern, Tim Headington, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, and Jean and Gary Goodnight, D.O. More than \$33 million has been generated to date from private gifts and Center for Health Sciences funds to pay for construction

"We are excited to support the OSU Center for Health Sciences in its efforts to train physicians who want to live and work here," said Paul Giehm, senior vice president of Trust Company of Oklahoma and Tandy Foundation advisor. "OSU has taken a lead role addressing our state's health care needs and the Tandy Medical Academic Building will transform the quality of physician and patient care training offered to students, residents, physicians and other health care workers.

The Tandy Medical Academic Building will include an expanded clinical skills lab, a new osteopathic manipulative medicine lab, a tiered lecture hall, 18 exam rooms, classrooms, two lecture halls, conference facilities, more than 20 small breakout rooms, 55 Dewberry.

n October, Oklahoma State University student study carrels, a student kitchen and additional faculty and staff office space to accommodate the increased student population at OSU Center for Health Sciences.

The OSU Center for Health Sciences and College of Osteopathic Medicine have been a vital medical education training facility in Tulsa for more than 40 years. The Tandy Medical Academic Building will only further advance our outstanding reputation for training quality primary care physicians," said OSU-CHS President Kayse Shrum, D.O.

'Our students, residents and faculty physicians provide treatment for thousands of Tulsans every year through our clinic system and the OSU Medical Center. The state-ofthe-art training that will be provided in the Tandy Medical Academic Building will help us utilize the best treatment and prevention options to combat the many health disparities that continue to plague our community."

The clinical skills and osteopathic manipulative medicine laboratories will be nearly double the square-footage of existing facilities on campus. The labs will include broadcast equipment that enables students to watch professors demonstrate clinical techniques, like casting or suturing, on largescreen monitors around the room.

The Tandy Medical Academic Building will be a community resource, enabling OSU to strengthen training partnerships with health care educators and providers in Tulsa and across Oklahoma.

The Tandy Medical Academic Building will be utilized by OSU-COM students, resident doctors, physicians, faculty, first responders and other allied health professionals for hospital care training. The building will facilitate training, educational programs and camps for thousands of medical residents, nurses, emergency services personnel and other health care professionals from across the state, as well as students from public, private and charter schools.

Construction on the Tandy Medical Academic Building will also include an adjoining five-level parking garage. OSU officials anticipate the building will be completed in 2017.

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Hillcrest Claremore Celebrates 60 Years of Service

Claremore celebrated 60 years of Medical Center. Over the next three service to the community. During a private reception, State Senator ership and names multiple times. Marty Quinn introduced a proclamation on behalf of the City of Claremore that was also sponsored by Representative Mark Lepak. The hospital also hosted a community birthday bash later in the month to celebrate the hospital's history.

Hillcrest Claremore opened its doors in February 1955 as Claremore Health Center, a munic-ipal hospital owned by the City of Claremore. The city managed the hospital for 24 years until 1979 when the City Council and the hospital's board voted to involve a professional healthcare management company to run the hospital. From 1979 to 1983, the hospital was managed by HAI, which later merged with HCA. After a 1983 vote by the citizens of Claremore, the hospital was put up for sale by bid. American Medical International purchased the hospital later that year and changed its technology and service lines.

On Oct. 1, Hillcrest Hospital name to Claremore Regional decades, the hospital changed own-

In 2011, the hospital was acquired by Ardent Health Services and joined Hillcrest HealthCare System. In addition to Hillcrest Claremore, the system includes six hospitals: Hillcrest Medical Center, Hillcrest Hospital South and Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital in Tulsa, Hillcrest Hospital Cushing, Hillcrest Hospital Henryetta, and Bailey Hillcrest Medical Center in Owasso. The system also includes two physician groups, Oklahoma Heart Institute and Utica Park Clinic.

In 2012, the hospital formally changed its name to Hillcrest Hospital Claremore, and since then, the hospital has flourished through Ardent's investment in its services, infrastructure and people. Shortly after the acquisition, the facility completed an \$800,000 renovation and has since added new

The expansion of cardiology services at Hillcrest Claremore is one of the most notable changes to date. Today, five Oklahoma Heart Institute (OHI) cardiologists regularly see patients in this clinic. And, earlier this year, Hillcrest Claremore opened a state-of-the-art cath lab. Now, OHI physicians are able to provide select advanced treatments at Hillcrest Claremore.

Hillcrest HealthCare System recently expanded its Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center to Hillcrest Claremore. The new Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center at Hillcrest Claremore offers high-quality, compassionate labor & delivery care supported by the renowned team of providers and advanced services of the Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center at Hillcrest.

Through Utica Park Clinic, providers in primary and specialty Hillcrest HealthCare System's care. physician group, citizens of Claremore have access to leading



COMMUNITY SERVICES: Among those celebrating Hillcrest Hospital Claremore's 60 years of service Oct. 1 were, from left, are Kevin Gross, CEO of Hillcrest HealthCare System; David Chaussard, CEO of Hillcrest Hospital Claremore; Dava Baldridge, chief nursing officer of Hillcrest Claremore; Dr. Arash Karnama, Hillcrest Claremore chief of staff; Kevin Nowak, CEO of Oklahoma Heart Institute Hospital at Hillcrest Healthcare System; and David McGrail, CFO at Hillcrest Claremore.

Today, Hillcrest Claremore provides care for more than 61,000

patients a year, welcomes more than 600 newborns into the world and employs approximately 400 people.

Hospitality House Holds Fundraiser

On Oct. 15, Hospitality House of Tulsa celebrated nine years of providing a home away from home for families facing medical crises with its Dine, Donate & Dash fundraiser, held at Hospitality House of Tulsa, 1135 S. Victor Ave. The event featured local food trucks, music and giveaways to support the organization's mission.

Since its opening in 2006, the nonprofit has lodged nearly 2,400 families, served close to 43,000 meals and continues to maintain a waiting list averaging 16 families per day.



DINE, DONATE & DASH: From left, Charlotte Long, Health & Caregiving educacoordinator tion for Hospitality House of Tulsa; Donna Behrens, Hospitality House volunteer; and Rebecca Mankiller, Hospitality House development coordinator; enjoy the festivities at Hospitality House's Oct. 15 fundraiser Dine, Donate & Dash. The event featured local food trucks, music and giveaways to support the organization's mission..



20th ANNIVERSARY: Members and employees of Crossroads Clubhouse, 1888 E. 15th St., came together to celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary in October. Crossroads provides services for adults with mental disabilities, aiding them in locating jobs, housing and educational and social opportunities.





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EDUCA **Oral Roberts University Celebrates 50 Years**

This year marks 50 years for Oral Roberts University.

a university According to spokesperson, the university, which opened in 1965, began with a call from God: "raise up your students to hear My voice, to go where My light is dim, where My voice is heard small, and My healing power is not known, even to the uttermost bounds of the earth. Their work will exceed yours, and in this I am well pleased."

This founding vision has been the driving force behind what is regarded as one of the premier spiritempowered universities in the world.

"Our 50th anniversary celebration finds us dreaming once again," says ORU President William M. Wilson. "The world needs ORU now more than it did 50 years ago. Our exceptional academic experience in an atmosphere of spiritual integrity and intensity has positioned us for significant global impact. Looking beyond the horizon into the next 50 years, I am confident that the best is yet to come.'

ORU is currently operating from a position of strength, with no longterm debt and no deficit. Since 2008, more than \$100 million has been spent on campus improvements, and the school has experienced seven consecutive years of enrollment growth, with the largest increase yet this fall.

"At this historic milestone we remain committed to the values that have made ORU great," says says Wilson, "Whole Person Education, instructional excellence, the work of the Holy Spirit, the authority of God's word, global connectivity and a supportive, loving, joyful campus.



RENOVATED PRAYER TOWER: On Oct. 19, Oral Roberts University officials and community leaders attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the school's newly-renovated Prayer Tower lobby. From left are ORU Board of Trustees member Mark Sterns, Student Body President Peyton Luke, ORU First Lady Lisa Wilson, ORU President William M. Wilson, Congressman Jim Bridenstine, County Commissioner Karen Keith, President and CEO of the Tulsa Regional Chamber Mike Neal, and ORU Alumni Board Chair Chris Busch.

every state in the U.S., Puerto Rico and 86 nations around the world.

The university recently opened an international center on campus that is overflowing with record numbers of international students. ORU Online, utilizing a proprietary student portal, saw a 108-percent increase in enrollment during 2015.

Additionally, the school has launched a state-of-the-art digitally integrative learning platform, known as OneCampus. This innovative platform will open up new opportunities for anyone in the world, anywhere in the world to experience ORU's Whole Person Education. "OneCampus is delivering on the promise that every global citizen can be connected to the Tulsa campus experience through

ORU is home to students from digitally streamed bi-directional every state in the U.S., Puerto Rico content," says Wilson.

The university has also launched a 50th anniversary campaign: "To the Uttermost Bounds of the Earth." The campaign's three components: Globalization of Whole Person Education, Quest Whole Person Scholarship, and an enhanced physical campus, have inspired alumni and friends to commit more than \$40 million toward the campaign goal of \$50 million, thus far. Additionally, the campaign is making significant progress toward a goal of \$20 million in deferred gifts to strengthen the university's endowment.

Through this campaign, the ORU Global Learning Center will open debt free in mid 2016, featuring 11 interactive integrative classroom spaces, offices, a video recording

BRIGHT FUTURE: ORU President William M. Wilson speaks during Oral Roberts University's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the school's newly-renovated Prayer Tower lobby on Oct. 19. The lobby features an exhibit highlighting the history of ORU.

studio, a 700-seat performance hall and a state-of-the-art virtual/augmented reality room. The center will serve as the central hub for OneCampus and other new digital academic initiatives.

The 50th Anniversary Campaign will allow the university to build its first-ever track and field facility and replace the existing tennis courts with a tennis center that features state-of-the-art surfaces, fences and lighting. Additionally, an apartment-style residence is planned for upperclassmen.

As the university celebrates its 50th anniversary, Wilson is looking forward to a bright future.

"While we celebrate the accomplishments of the past, we are most excited to see what God has in store for the 21st century," says Wilson. "I am honored to serve at an institution that is empowering tomorrow's leaders. Our remarkable students will make significant contributions to society and a tangible difference for Christ in the world."

The university held a week of celebration, called its 50th Anniversary Global Celebration Week, Oct. 19-24, with numerous events, including a media launch kick-off event Oct. 19 where school and community leaders held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Prayer Tower lobby, which features an exhibit highlighting the history of ORU. Other Global Celebration Week events included the opening of a new legacy exhibit in the base of the world-recognized Prayer Tower, an academic lecture series, a special service featuring Reinhard Bonnke, a gala featuring speakers Will and Gigi Graham and performer Sandi Patty, the Ultimate 5K Arena Challenge, and a parade. The week finished with a once-in-a-lifetime concert with Planetshakers from Australia in the ORU J.L Johnson Baseball Stadium and a fireworks display.



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Angela Morris, college relations coordinator, works with her team to assist students with PLA and feels it is important to help stu-



By DR. STEVE TIGER Superintendent

at the University of Oklahoma and studying strategic

communications, works part time in the college relations department and feels some people may have misperceptions about the relationship of career tech training and college.

"I disagree with people who think if you attend Tech, you can't go to college," Sanchez says. "I think it helps you prepare for college. Especially if you already have an interest in a particular career area, the training you receive at Tulsa Tech can help you jumpstart your education and help you prepare for some of the basic college classes in your area of study."

Paige Foret, a college freshman currently studying political science at Tulsa Community College, also

Each day, Tulsa Tech helps stu- dents understand the benefits of feels that the training she received at Tulsa Tech helped her prepare "Our department is dedicated to for the next step of her educational helping all stupath. dents who wish to

"I wasn't a great student in high school," says Foret. "All of my studying skills came from Tech, and the academic centers really stand unity process," Morris says. "Students helped me prepare for many of the initial classes I'm taking in college.'

> Foret, who also works part time in the college relations department, feels that she is in a great position to help those students who may be following in her footsteps.

> "I really enjoy the work we do," Foret says. "It gives me a great opportunity to share my experiences with current students who may be interested in attending college.

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POST-SECONDARY PREPARED: Former Tulsa Tech students Sallina Sanchez, left, a senior at the University of Central Oklahoma and studying strategic communications, and Paige Foret, a Tulsa Community College freshman studying political science, both utilized Tulsa Tech to help them successfully transition into college after high school.







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CAL NEWS: Veteran and Family Receive Mortgage-Free Home

On Sept. 29, representatives from national nonprofit Operation FINALLY HOME, local builder Castlerock Builders and New Gulf Resources, LLC, welcomed U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ronny D. Sweger and his family to their new custombuilt, mortgage-free home in Mounds. The dedication ceremony marked the completion of the first custom-built, mortgage-free home to be built in Oklahoma.

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Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Ronny D. Sweger joined the Oklahoma National Guard in March 1993. During his time in service, he had deployments multiple to Afghanistan, Iraq and Africa from 2001 to 2004. He incurred a number of injuries as a result of more than 10 deployments including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a traumatic brain injury (TBI), loss of field vision and migraines. Sweger Board for evaluation and medically retired from the military in December 2009.

Sweger was recognized for his bravery, courage and resilience while in service with a number of accolades including multiple Bronze Stars, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab. In addition to being a decorated veteran, he is also recognized for his volunteer service. Sweger received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Service Award, President's Lifetime Achievement Award and was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame for his achievements as co-founder and Executive Director of The Foundation for Exceptional Warriors.

eventually was sent to the Medical established in 2005 as a nonpartisan/nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Operation FINALLY HOME partners with corporate sponsors, builder associations, builders, developers, individual contributors and volunteers to help America's military heroes and their families transition to the home front by providing them a home to call their own. To learn more, visit OperationFinallyHome.org.

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IN GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE: Retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ronny D. Sweger stands with his wife and triplet sons on Sept. 29 during the dedication ceremony of their new custom-built, mortgage-free home in Mounds.

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IHOP Opens First Bixby Location **Chili Cook-Off Nov. 6**

BTC Broadband is hosting its 15th annual "Bettering the Community" Chili Cook-Off on Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The event will be held at BTC Broadband, 11134 S. Memorial Dr.

The event is open to the public and all of the proceeds will go to the Bixby Outreach Center. For a \$7 donation, individuals can enjoy all-you-can-eat chili and toppings, dessert, and a drink.

Local businesses and BTC Broadband employees donate the chili to be judged in the cook-off contest, and the public is invited to come and enjoy the food and fun.

"It's a great way to raise money for a very worthy local cause while fostering good community spirit among businesses and the public," says Laurie Hendrickson, BTC Broadband marketing manager. "We look forward to this event each year and are proud to support the area in any way we can." Unbiased local chili enthusi-

asts will judge all of the chili entries. There will also be a People's Choice Award so everyone who samples the chili can also vote for their favorite.

Bixby's first IHOP restaurant opened Oct. 19 at 8222 E. 103rd

The restaurant seats approximately 160 guests. It will be open 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

The restaurant is expected to bring approximately 75 jobs to the community.

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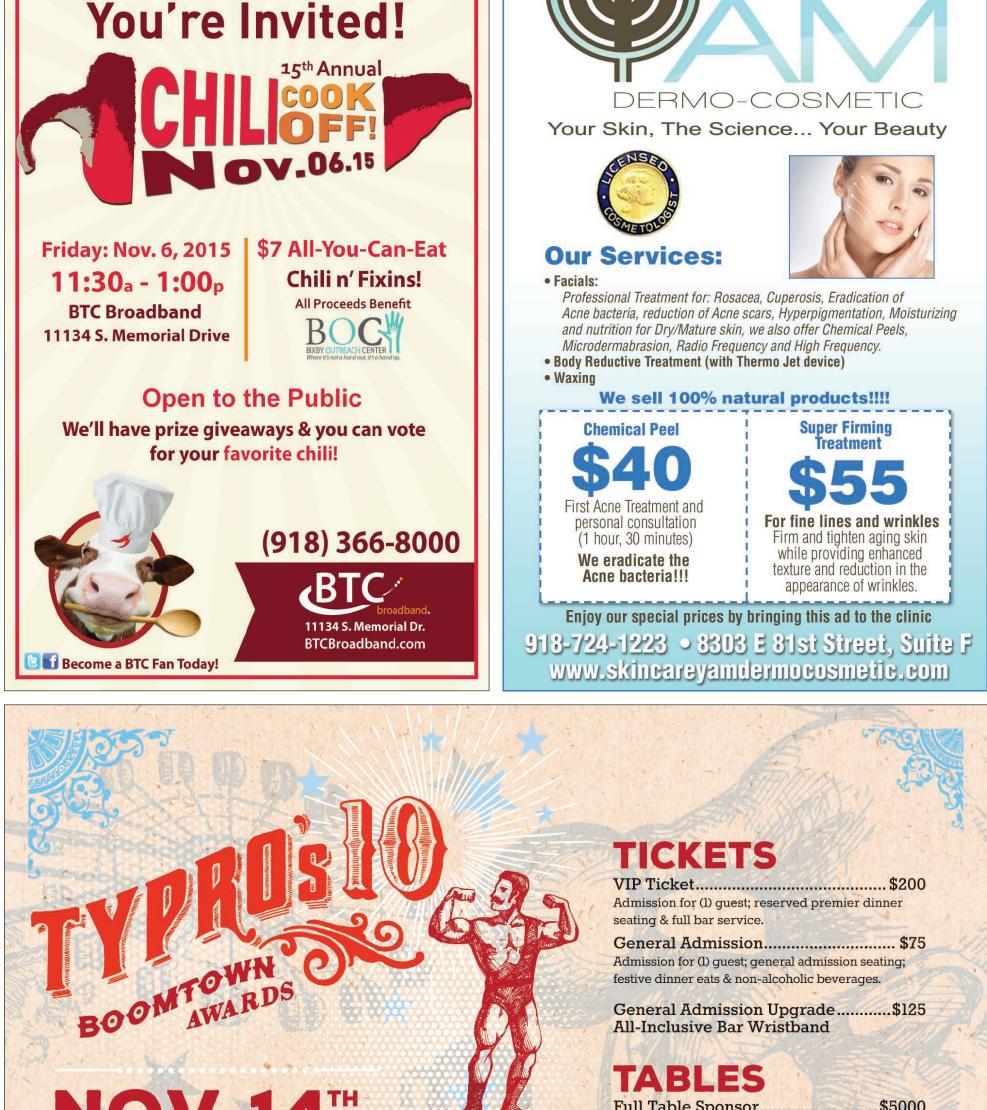
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Oilers' Nathan Lutz Ready for Ice, Farm

By GLENN HIBDON GTR Sports Writer

His icy glare can penetrate the soul and strike fear in the hearts of most tough guys roaming free in the ECHL. His demeanor can intimidate even the bravest warriors on ice. But despite bashing baddies and using his physical presence to control the game, Nathan Lutz is gentler side to the Tulsa Oilers defenseman, captain and bellwether.

"I couldn't do what I've done in my career without my family. They are my biggest supporters," says Lutz, who at 37 is the oldest and perhaps wisest player on the Oilers' roster. One of my favorite parts of the game, a ritual that I started, is when they see me and blow me kisses during pregame warmups. That makes me feel so good. I use the butt end of my stick to draw hearts on the glass, and I see their faces light up. I want to go out and do my best for them.

Lutz may have a gruff and scary exterior, but inside he's all family man. Wife Kayla, fouryear-old daughter, Abby, and one-year-old son, Brooks, are indeed his biggest fans. They're in a club that includes most Oilers followers.

Starting his third season in Tulsa and 15th as a pro, the 6-1, 230-pound native of Mistatim, Saskatchewan, has played in 138 games for the home team with 14 goals, 58 assists, 204 penalty minutes and a plus-32 rating. Lutz has toiled in eight different pro leagues and said he's ready to retire following the 2015-16 campaign

The iron man plans on leaving Tulsa, the Winnipeg Jets' farm team, to work on a real farm back home. Lutz spends the off season

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laboring on his grandfather's and father's 2,500 acre plantation and doing stucco work with a friend. Lazy he is not. Winning hockey championships is secondary only to providing for his family.

"As soon as the season is over, I help cultivate and get the seeds in the ground," says Lutz, who raises wheat and oats on the family land that goes back four generations to his greatno monster. Far from it. There is still a softer, grandfather, an Austrian immigrant who homesteaded the property.

I get up from five to seven every morning. Working on the farm is really not a summer vacation, but that's the plan (after retiring from hockey). I grew up on the farm working every summer, and I come from a small town with good family values. I always wanted to play hockey, and my family (and community) has always supported me."

Also supporting Lutz are the Oilers and their fans. He's been a defensive force along the blue line and hasn't shown signs of slowing down due to his advancing age. R-e-s-p-e-c-t is his middle name. He commands it and receives it from teammates and opponents alike.

"I take pride in being a leader. I don't have to have a letter on my jersey to be one," Lutz says. "It's not just on the ice but how you carry yourself off the ice with people in the community. It's how you represent yourself to younger players. I want to be able to help them to be the best they can be.'

This season, Lutz is playing under a new coach in Jason Christie, but his role will still be the same. He will lead on and off the ice and anchor the Oilers' efforts to win its first ECHL championship.

"I knew of him (Christie) 14 years ago when I played against his Peoria team," Lutz remembers. "He conducts probably the hardest (preseason) camp I've ever been a part of in my career. He's very demanding, and it's a big change from what we've done before.

"It's tough to say what kind of season we will have. Soon, he will become the winningest coach in this league and when you come to the rink, he demands your best. I know we will have good speed and play an uptempo game.



VETERAN STAR: Nathan Lutz, 37, is the Tulsa Oilers defenseman, captain and bellwether. Starting his third season in Tulsa and 15th as a pro, he has played in 138 games for the home team with 14 goals, 58 assists, 204 penalty minutes and a plus-32 rating. Lutz plans to retire following the 2015-16 campaign.

We will be physical and get in your face. I think we will be an all-around good team."

Lutz says he loves to win but hates to lose more. Toward that end, he's prepared to do whatever it takes to make his final season with the Oilers memorable.

'I've never been the most talented player, but I do what I can to help the team," he says. "If that means fighting every once in a while, I will do what I have to do. Being tough is more than fighting, it's being mentally tough.

"Farming is no joke. It's mentally strenuous because there is adversity in farming just like in hockey. You work 15- to 18-hour days, and there are things (like weather) that are not in your control. You've got to be both mentally and physically tough.

Through hard work and refusing to give up, Lutz has learned how to win whether in a wheat field or a hockey rink. This macho honcho has become philosophical about life, realizing there are no guaranteed tomorrows. Love your family and love the game today. Enjoy what you have now, be thankful and persevere.

"I've won championships, and I would love to win another one," he says. "I had a goal to play in the NHL, but I made a lot of mistakes and I can't look back. I could have worked harder, but if I played at a higher level, I might not still be playing. My wife helps me focus on the now. Yesterday is gone. All I can do is be the best person and hockey player I can be."

Lutz says he has made a commitment to his family to retire to the farm, and many emotions are running through his mind. He's excited and admittedly a little scared. He says he wants to "go out with a bang" and that could mean bad news for Tulsa foes on ice.

No matter if Lutz's gaze makes opponents' blood run cold, no matter if he's crashing opponents into the boards or drawing hearts and blowing kisses to his kids, he has a passionate soul, and Oilers fans consider themselves better for it





CHAMBER ACES: The Tulsa Regional Chamber held its Annual Fall Golf Scramble at Cedar Ridge Country Club Sept. 28. Representing the Tulsa Regional Chamber team are, from left, Matt Pivarnik, Phil Eller, Dave Kollman and Rick Hudson.

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Buzz Gets New Sports Director

Steve Braun has accepted the position of tant for three years and was the voice of sports director/co-host with KTBZ AM Hillcat Softball on RSU Radio 91.3 FM in 1430 the Buzz Tulsa, where he previously worked as a board operator and producer from 2010-12. Braun replaces Chris Plank. A mainstay in the Rogers State athletic department as assistant athletic director of operations, Braun will take his talents to the local sports radio scene after spending eight years at Rogers State.

Braun served as sports information director from 2011 until his promotion in 2014, where he assisted in the publicity efforts and media operations for all of RSU's sports. Prior to being named sports information director, he spent one year as the media relations intern on the Hill.

A 2010 graduate of RSU, Braun recently served on the Staff Advisory Council, is a member of the Alumni Association board, and the Homecoming committee. As a student, he was a media relations student assis- truly will be Forever A Hillcat!"

2010 and 2011.

As the assistant AD for operations, Braun coordinated game operations, marketing, and helped with implementing compliance efforts. He was a driving force behind the athletic department's video streaming efforts, while contributing to the Hillcats' social media presence.

"Working at my alma mater has been an amazing experience and made leaving the Hill all the more difficult," Braun said. "It's been an honor to be along for such an incredible journey as a member of Hillcat athletics and a part of my life I will always hold dear. I appreciate the student-athletes, coaches, administrators and the Rogers State community for making the last eight years of my life some of the best. I am excited to start the next chapter of my life, but I

NEOA&M Honors Tom Osborne as First Legend

By TERRELL LESTER Editor at Large

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College boasts an illustrious legacy of athletics supremacy.

There are the six national championships in football. There are national championships in basketball and wrestling.

There are the national junior college hall of famers. Coaches. Athletes.

Alumni have dotted professional rosters in baseball, football, basketball.

The two-year institution in Miami, which traces its roots to 1919, recently added another chapter to its book of influence.

In September, the NEO department of athletics hosted an on gone by were greeted with waves campus a fund-raiser under the banner of the "first annual Legends Series.'

No less a legend than Tom Osborne was the featured guest and speaker.

Alone, Osborne might have sufficed for the "legends" part of the soiree at any other venue or fundraiser

But NEO is not just any institution

There is a community-wide pride that envelops the campus and the nationally recognized athletics program.

NEO is the only two-year school of the 11 within the borders of Oklahoma still playing football.

While all other state junior college football programs have been eliminated, NEO has stayed the course established by S.A. "Red" Robertson, the iconic coach who guided the Norsemen from 1945 through 1966.

For the seven decades since the end of World War II, NEO has standard by which all junior college football programs are measured.

appearance Osborne's in September validates NEO's rank. He was, after all, one of the greatest football coaches in NCAA history, guiding Nebraska to three national championships before serving three terms in the U.S. Congress.

Yet for one night in September, in Miami, Oklahoma, it was difficult to distinguish between the Osborne celebrity and the legend that is Northeastern A&M football.

The theme of the night, "Legends Series," was indeed focused on the soft-spoken, Godfearing presence of Osborne.

But Norsemen from seasons of appreciation and adoration resembling national championship celebrations.

Former Tulsan Chuck Bowman, who coached the Norsemen footballers to two national championships (1967 and 1969) in his five seasons, was serenaded by the nearly 200 guests in a surprise observance of his upcoming 80th birthday

Bowman, who coached at Tulsa Central and Tulsa McLain before moving on to NEO, recognized more than a dozen of his players from the undefeated 1969 team.

Guests in the audience included such notables as University of Oklahoma legend Clendon Thomas, former University of Tulsa football coach David Rader, former University of Kansas and Oral Roberts University basketball coach Ted Owens, and former University of Oklahoma and University of Nebraska football assistant Jerry Pettibone.

Scores of NEO Hall of Fame consistently been hailed as the members were scattered throughout the Calcagno Family Ballroom



SUCCESSFUL COACH: Tom Osborne in the University of Nebraska's Memorial Stadium during his tenure as one of the great college football coaches of all-time.

of NEO's Bruce G. Carter Student Union, including Tulsa residents and former Norsemen Gene Hart and J.V. Haney.

Dale Patterson, NEO director of athletics and one-time head football coach of the Norsemen. pulled the event together and served as the evening's personable co-host, along with school president Jeff Hale.

Current NEO football coach Ryan Held conducted a questionanswer session with Osborne, his former coach. Held played at Nebraska (1993-96) and later moments in Oklahoma than good served as a graduate assistant ones.' (1997) under Osborne.

"I was always impressed with his knowledge of the game," Osborne said during the evening.

fashioned a 25-year record of 255-49-3 at Nebraska, was first electthe ed to House Representatives in 2001. Upon and



PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME: Northeastern A&M President Jeff Hale, left, presents a token of his appreciation to guest speaker Tom Osborne.

leaving Congress, he returned to signed scores of autographs, on Nebraska as director of athletics before retiring in 2013.

He touched on a number of topics during his warm and casual presentation. It was like having a conversation over coffee with the family patriarch on an autumn morning

He talked about his coaching rivalry with the University of Oklahoma and Barry Switzer. "One of the healthiest rivalries in all of football," Osborne called it.

Harkening back to those days of Switzer's wishbone offense, Osborne broke into a small grin when he said: "I had more bad

He showed his spiritual side, noting a relationship with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes that began when he was an athlete The 78-year-old Osborne, who at Hastings (Neb.) College in the 1950s

> Speaking in a voice that was a of little raspy, Osborne was cordial downright gracious. He athletics.

just about everything from helmets to napkins. Poised and genteel, he readily posed for photographs with anyone clutching a cellphone.

As he sat facing Held for the Q&A, Osborne was relaxed and spontaneous.

It was obvious that Osborne was enjoying the championship atmosphere provided by NEO, not to mention having the opportunity to reunite with a former player.

Held asked Osborne what was behind his decision to leave a Hall of Fame career in athletics to enter the halls of Congress

"Well, I think I lost my mind," Osborne said, a twinkle in his eyes triggering a smile that illuminated a room.

A College Football Hall of Fame coach with a down-to-earth hall of fame personality was just the right combination to help Northeastern A&M celebrate in one night a rich and irrevocable 70-year history of

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THUNDEROUS CROWD: A packed house watched the Oklahoma City Thunder defeat the Dallas Mavericks, 100-88, in an exhibition game at Tulsa's BOK Center Oct. It was the Thunder's seventh exhibition game in Tulsa since the team moved to Oklahoma City from Seattle.



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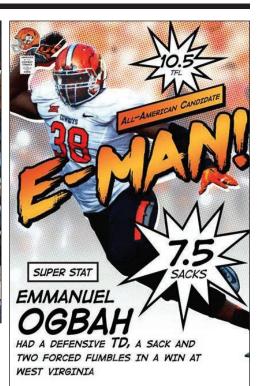
Courtesy University of Tulsa HURRICANE BASKETBALL: The Tulsa Golden Hurricane are ready for the upcoming season. Tulsa opens at home Nov. 14 against Central Arkansas, then will host Wichita State Nov. 17.



KEYARRIS GARRETT: The Tulsa senior was recently added to Biletnikoff Award Watch List, honoring him as one of the best wide receivers in the nation. This photo was taken during last season's game against SMU at Chapman Stadium.



HARRY LENTZ for GTR Newspapers **THUNDER ACTION:** Oklahoma City's Mitch McGary works hard under the basket during the Thunder's Oct. 13 exhibition game vs. Dallas at the BOK Center.





HARRY LENTZ for GTR Newspapers GOAL ORIENTED: The Oilers' Brian Nugent gives it his all at the net in the team's home opener against Wichita at the BOK Center Oct. 16.



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	Lincoln 57	Davis 20		Ketchum 65	Summit 14		McLain 6	Wagoner 42		OU	Kansas
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Sep. 11	East Central 7	Bixby 71		Texas A&M 28	Arkansas 21		Bishop Kelley 42	Hale 0		Central Oklahoma	NSU
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L-3 AMI Continues Impressive Expansion

L-3 AMI and the State of Oklahoma have celebrated the expansion of the L-3 AMI division facility in Broken Arrow at a press conference held Sept. 29 at the L-3 AMI building located at 12518-D E. 60th Street (on the corner of 61st Street and 129th East Avenue).

L-3, headquartered in New York City, is a prime contractor in aero-space systems and national security solutions. L-3 is also a leading provider of a broad range of communication and electronic systems and products used on military and commercial platforms.

The L-3 AMI division facility in Broken Arrow designs and produces a wide range of hardware products for use in simulators, training devices and other applications. AMI duplicates any type of cockpit, workstation or control console to a high-level of fidelity and then delivers it to prime government contractors for final system integration.

In March 2014, L-3 Link added 60 jobs to the Broken Arrow site. The Broken Arrow location now has 207 employees. At the new location, L-3 Link plans to hire 30 employees. L-3 has about 1,400 employees in Oklahoma and about 45,000 worldwide. Work at the Tulsa location, which is across the street from the Broken Arrow site, will consist of making helicopter simulators for the U.S. Navy.



the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, thanks L-3 AMI for its continued economic support of the region.

received from both local and state entities has been invaluable in assisting our Broken Arrow facility to grow its workforce and gain the resources needed to continue to expand our business," said Leonard Genna, president, Link Simulation and Training for L-3. "Due to this support, we have been able to fill positions within L-3 AMI that are critical to the fulfillment of con-'The support that L-3 AMI has tracts, enabling us to continue that the entire state."

work for a number of years. We recognize that the state supports our expansion efforts and is a key reason why we have been able to maintain and grow a stable workforce."

"L-3 is a world class company that continues to bring high-tech, high salary jobs to Oklahoma," said Governor Mary Fallin. "Their continued expansion and success is great news for Broken Arrow and

CHAMBER APPRECIATION: Wes Smithwick, president and CEO of GUBERNATORIAL SALUTE: Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin presents a salutation of appreciation to representatives of L-3 AMI at the Sept. 29 announcement.

> Genna also added, "Governor Fallin has been greatly engaged in supporting these growth efforts,

tude that has been demonstrated by both the Governor and Broken Arrow's Economic Development Corporation.

"L-3 AMI is a valued employer to hear they are not only hiring but competitive in providing a wel-coming business climate, an atti-the B.A. Chamber and EDC.

underscored by her meeting with L-3 at the Paris Air Show, in addition to her sustained efforts on for Broken Arrow. We are pleased our behalf to invest in new facilities in Oklahoma communities are expanding their facilities to while growing the size of our meet the demands from continua-workforce. Oklahoma is very tion of contracts," stated Wes

BA Police, Fire Unions Back Vision 2025 Tax Renewal

On Nov. 10, Broken Arrow vot- improve traffic flow and update families are moving here every day. ers will go to the polls to decide whether the existing Vision 2025 sales tax should be renewed.

John Cockrell, president of the International Association of Firefighters Local 2551, and Thomas Cooper, president of the Fraternal Order of Police 170 Lodge, both say their organiza-tions are solidly behind the proposal.

Two questions will appear on the ballot. One will make available a dedicated resource of \$3.9 million cities in America is a tribute to the for public safety needs that include the hiring of 20 new police officers and 20 new firefighters. The other will add \$3.3 million to than 100,000 residents and more

118 lane miles of streets. In designing the tax extension

proposition, Cockrell and Cooper

said city leaders kept a clear focus

on those things badly needed to help

make the community a better place

to live and work. High on that prior-

ity scale is public safety manpower.

one police officer for every 508 citi-

zens. Broken Arrow has one officer

skill and dedication of the men and

women in our department," he says.

"But the reality is we now have more

The fact this is one of the safest

for every 807 citizens.

Cooper pointed out that Tulsa has

As our population continues to grow, something simply has to give."

Cockrell said firefighters face a similar scenario.

Over the past 10 years, he says, responses by department personnel have grown by 88 percent while the number of full-time firefighters and paramedics is up only 22 percent.

"A 'yes' vote allows us to maintain seven fully staffed, properly equipped stations to provide the best possible fire protection and deal with medical emergencies every firefighter has been cross-trained to handle," he says.

Polls open Nov. 10 at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m.

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NORDAM is the first and currently only company in the Americas qualified by Airbus on A320 classic and NEO Sharklets to replace skin panels and perform repairs that are outside of the Airbus Structural Repair Manual. These distinctions allow the Tulsa-based aerospace firm to offer a geographically advantageous option for Airbus operators in the region.

"Adding the Sharklet to our capabilities is yet another mile-stone in nearly two decades of service to Airbus and our airline customers flying Airbus fleets,' Executive Vice President of Repair Divisions Basil Barimo says. "We're reinforcing our position as the maintenance and repair organization of choice for Airbus flight-control repairs."

The A320 Sharklet is made from lightweight composite material - a

Airbus Material and Supply and repair expertise for NOR- ite aircraft structures, interior DAM. According to Airbus, the Sharklet can add additional range or increased payload capacity and improve aerodynamic performance with a four percent overall fuel-burn savings.

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AIRBUS A320 SHARKLET





SUCCESSFUL **CHIEF:** Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief George Tiger, to Nation the right of scissors, prepares to cut the ribbon for the new Muscogee (Creek) Citizenship Office at the RiverWalk Development Complex in Jenks Oct. 19

Muscogee (Creek) citizens will have the ability to renew their citizenship cards and do other business at the facility.

Chief Tiger has had a very successful tenure as head of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Among his accomplishments are acquiring the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital, which was on the verge of shutting down, assuming all debt and paying it off; now, the hospital is thriving under the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health; acquiring the George Nigh

Rehabilitation Center, which is now the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Rehabilitation Center; saving the tribe \$150 million by introducing new initiatives such as going "Going Green" and going paper-less across the tribe, introducing

MyOn Literacy Program is succeeding in the public school sector with the MCN jurisdiction. Chief Tiger has also introduced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) for students to further their education and encourage them to think differently to prepare for higher education. The Flying Tee virtural golf is still under construction at RiverWalk Crossing. The CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) is providing funds to tribal citizens who want to go into

Ferguson Opens Subaru Facility Longtime Oklahoma dealership including a kids play area, wire- agement team is delighted with the

and Broken Arrow business Ferguson Superstore hosted a ground-breaking ceremony for construction of the new location of Ferguson Subaru Oct. 7. The new Ferguson Subaru building will be 26,000 square feet when completed. It will feature a new Subaru showroom and a new state-of-theart service facility. The service facility will be a huge upgrade for the service department featuring a "Subaru Express Service" with three service lanes, a new state-ofthe-art car wash, and a new customer-focused waiting

less Internet, and complementary refreshments and snacks.

Ferguson Superstore encompasses Ferguson Buick GMC, Ferguson Kia and Ferguson Subaru. Currently, Ferguson Kia and Ferguson Subaru share the same facility. The new building will divide the two stores creating a new Subaru facility and allowing Ferguson Kia to stand alone in its own facility.

Stewart Brown, Ferguson Superstore general manager, had w cus- the following to say about the new winning area Subaru building, "Our entire man- attended.

construction of the new facility. It will enable us to better serve our valued customers. Ferguson Subaru is extremely excited to bring this new Subaru facility to Broken Arrow and to Green Country." The state-of-the-art Subaru facility will be completed in approximately 16 months.

In addition to civic, chamber and business leaders attending the ground-breaking ceremony, Broken Arrow City Councilor Richard Carter and the awardwinning mascot Fergie Bear also

Energy Sector Among Highest Taxed

With taxes and income inequality taking center stage in the recent presidential debates, the personal finance website WalletHub recently released its latest S&P 100 Tax Rates report. This report provides an in-depth analysis of the 2014 rates at which S&P 100 companies - collectively worth more than \$11 trillion as of Sept. 30 - are taxed at the state,federal and international levels. **Key Stats**

- Š&P 100 companies pay roughly 24 percent lower rates on international taxes than U.S.
- Tech companies, including

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ROTARY CLUB OF TULSA LEADERSHIP: The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Tulsa was recently elected for the 2015-16 year. Standing is Hannibal Johnson, chair-man of the board; from left are Louann Buhlinger, vocational service director; past President Matt Davis, membership service director; Rhonda Daniel, immediate past president; past President Del Dreyer, long-range planning liaison; Brian Bovaird, director-at-large (3 yrs.); Tony Oliva, director-at-large (2 yrs.); President Jeff Hassell; President-elect John Rains; Paul Bauman, secretary-treasurer; Alisha Herrera, sergeant-at-arms; John Howland, director-at-large (1 yr.); Duff Weddle, international service director; and Paula Wood, youth serviice director. Not pictured: John Dellavedova, community service director and Chuck Wilson, club service director.

1st Presbyterian Expands

First Presbyterian Church of is an ongoing, self-sustaining Tulsa hosted a ribbon cutting on mission endowment that will hardowntown Tulsa.

The 8:10 Building was erected in the 1920s and originally housed a Studebaker auto dealership. Most recently known as the Avanti building, it has six floors and more than 80,000 square feet. An innovative example of

"social entrepreneurship," church the initial funding to make the leaders say that the 8:10 Building project possible.

Oct. 1 to commemorate the open- ness the rent paid by local busiing of the 8:10 Building located nesses for the common good. at 810 S. Cincinnati Ave. in Every cent of the building's net profit will go directly to local urban mission programs to uplift families and individuals in need. The 8:10 Building is the product of creative thinking by church leadership and several key members, including Charles and Peggy Stephenson who provided



8:10 BUILDING



FAITHFUL FIVESOME: Present after the ribbon cutting for First Presbyterian Church's 8:10 building are Bobby Pielsticker (8:10 building committee chair), Charlie Stephenson (strategic planning committee) with wife Peggy Stephenson, Dr. Jim Miller (co-pastor, First Presbyterian Church), and Gordy Guest (CEO, Cyntergy).

Fighting Fraud With EMV Chip Card Technology

BV EMILY RAMSEY Managing Editor

In today's world, where cyber attacks and security breaches are becoming a more common occurrence, new technology is making its way onto the scene to provide greater protection for consumers and institutions. One of those new kinds of technology that have moved from many European countries to the U.S. are chip-enabled debit and credit cards.

Kim Adams, executive vice president with Arvest Bank in Tulsa, talked recently with GTR about companies' current efforts, including Arvest, to move consumers to chip-enabled debit and credit cards.

Greater Tulsa Reporter: What is a chip-enabled card?

Kim Ādams: It is a form of EMV technology that secures payment transactions by authenticating the card, verifying the cardholder and authorizing the transaction, all without revealing information about the card, the cardholder or the transaction in a format that can be captured and read by unauthorized parties. EMV stands for EuroPay, MasterCard and Visa, the original developers of the technology.

the security level of cards with magnetic strips versus chips?

KA: With magnetic strip cards, which is what has been used on most cards up to this point, card information like the account number, expiration date, account holder's name and card type are embedded into the strip. When the card is swiped through a card reader, the data is transferred through the reader. Because the data on the strip is not encrypted, it can be copied and used to create fraudulent cards and transactions.

However, cards based on the EMV technology use an embedded microchip, instead of a magnetic strip, to store data and are considered almost impossible to clone for fraudulent purposes. The chips encrypt a unique digital signature for each purchase and require either a PIN entry or a physical signature along with each purchase.

GTR: What is the difference for consumers in conducting transactions for chip-enabled cards as opposed to magnetic strip cards?

KA: Instead of swiping the card with the magnetic strip, the chip end of the card is inserted into the bottom of the chip-enabled reader remain in the device until the read- require EMV cards.

GTR: What is the difference in er's screen says it is okay to remove it.

> GTR: Can chip-enabled cards still be used at merchants who are not chip-enabled?

> KA: Yes, the magnetic strip on the back of the card works the same as with traditional cards.

> GTR: How will chip-enabled cards affect customers' ability to use their cards while traveling?

KA: It will make it easier, especially with international travel. More than 130 countries, including Canada, Mexico and most of Europe have adopted chipenabled cards as their standard for debit and credit transactions. It is estimated that more than 70 percent of all terminals outside of the United States are chip-enabled.

GTR: How is Arvest adapting to the new technology?

KA: After Oct. 19, Arvest customers began receiving new debit cards with chip-enabled technology as their current debit cards expire. Although, we have had some customers request to purchase a new card before their current debit card expires, mainly if they will be traveling outside of the face up. The card should then U.S. Many European countries



GTR: How should customers feel about switching to EMV cards? **KA:** If some people are hesitant to switch, they should remember that technology is going this way. Businesses are also being encour- gy, so we're excited to offer it.

aged to move in this direction. EMV cards are going to help control fraud.

At Arvest, our customers have been asking for this new technolo-

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HOTEL AND LODGING LEADERS: The Metro Tulsa Hotel and Lodging Association, MTH&LA, held an informative luncheon at the Cox Business Center Oct. 15. The guest speaker was David Davis, center, interim associate director for the School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration at Oklahoma State University. Pictured with Davis are board members Andrew Mungul, The Ambassador Hotel; Nora Bowman, Holiday Inn City Center; Michelle Hartman, SJS Hospitality; and Pete Patel, Promise Hotels.



ACROBATANT FOR MEALS ON WHEELS: Members of AcrobatAnt, a Tulsa-based advertising and marketing company, spent a recent day volunteering for Meals on Wheels. From left are Sarah Haertl, Hal Collins, Audrey Chambers, Donna Keffer, Angela Harless, Matt O'Meilia, Anna Montoto and Lale Samara.



BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOT

Brian Talkington has joined NBC Oklahoma as the Tulsa market president. He previously served as vice president of commercial lend-



ing for American TALKINGTON Heritage Bank

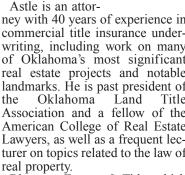
and has over 15 years of experience in the financial industry.

Talkington earned his bachelor's in business administration from the University of Oklahoma and later graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado. He also completed the Oklahoma Bankers Association Commercial Lending School and is a member of the Downtown Tulsa Rotary Club.

His wife, Lynette, has been a teacher and is currently an administrator for Jenks Public Schools. They have three children.

NBC Oklahoma is a \$600 million state bank with eight locations across Oklahoma. It is an Oklahoma-owned bank. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

Bluestem Escrow & Title, a Tulsa-based commercial escrow and title insurance company, announces the addition of Dale L. Astle as commercial real estate counsel.



Bluestem Escrow & Title, which provides services throughout Oklahoma, focuses on commercial real estate transactions and is an agent for several of the largest national title insurers. For more information about Bluestem Escrow & Title, call 918- 921-3478 or visit www.bluestemok.com.

University-Tulsa Board of Trustees elected new officers for the 2015-16 year during its September board meeting.

Former Oklahoma Sen. Charles Ford was selected as board chairman. Sean Kouplen, chairman and chief executive officer of Regent Bank, was named vice chairman, and Brett Lessley, president of Griffin Management Inc.,

OSU-Tulsa Board of Trustees includes Robyn Ewing, senior vice president and chief administrative officer for Williams Cos.; Ed Keller, former chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase Oklahoma; Tucker Link, chairman and founder of Knightsbridge Investments; Dr. Trudy Milner, family medicine physician; Pete Patel, president and chief executive officer of Promise Hotels; and Henry Primeaux, former owner of Primeaux Kia. Link and Milner are also members of the OSU/A&M Board of Regents. The trustees advise OSU-Tulsa on administrative and student services, facilities management, academic offerings and other campus matters. The board consists of nine members, with seven appointed for seven-year terms by the governor and approved by the Oklahoma Senate and two who are members of the OSU/A&M Board of Regents.

YWCA Tulsa announces Christy Huff as the new director of immigrant and refugee services. Huff will man-

age a department that serves 14,000-plus for-

eign-born residents annually and will continue to steward YWCA Tulsa's reputation as a fully accredited immigration agency known for affordable and exceptional care.

She is fluent in Spanish, proficient in Portuguese and adept in French. Prior to accepting this position, Huff served as a senior manager in the medical technology field, traveling to and from Latin American in order to manage training, operations and surgeon education programs.

A more than 100-year-old organization, YWCA Tulsa recently redefined institutional language regarding hallmark programming, which is now encompassed in four main areas: health and wellness, immigrant and refugee services, racial justice, and women's empowerment.

new service was created to allow

clients more control over their e-

Founded in 2004 and headquar-

tered in Tulsa, Avansic provides

e-discovery and digital forensics

services to clients across the

country. Earlier this year, the company moved into a larger

office space in downtown Tulsa

with a custom computer labora-

tory that founder Gavin Manes,

a former computer science pro-

What began as a digital foren-

sics firm with four people, has

now grown to 17 staff and six categories of services, including

the recently added managed

services. Other services include:

preservation,

Information) processing and e-

discovery, digital forensics,

online review, and expert services (providing testimony in vari-

The new managed services cat-

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Officials at Avansic, an ediscovery and digital forensics firm, announced the addition of managed services, a new division within the company. Launching

this month, the

discovery projects.



David Kendrick, M.D., M.P.H, the CEO and founder of MyHealth Access Network, Inc., (MyHealth) has been elected to national board Strategic Health KENDRICK



Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC), which is the national trade association of health information exchange (HIE) organizations.

HIEs use information technology and trusted relationships in their service areas to enable secure, authorized exchange of patient information among disparate providers. By providing enhanced access to all available and relevant patient data, SHIEC HIE members aim to improve the quality, coordination, and cost-effectiveness of health care provided in their communities.

Kendrick chairs the Department of Medical Informatics at the University of Oklahoma's School of Community Medicine and serves the OU Health Sciences Center as the assistant provost for strategic planning. Dr. Kendrick is a member of the board of directors of the National Committee for Quality Assurance and convening faculty for the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative.

MyHealth is a non profit coalition that serves more than four million patients and is focused on improving health in Oklahoma and beyond by implementing a community-wide infrastructure for healthcare IT. James Kelley

was recently named executive vice president and partner at The **Rowland** Group in Tulsa. Kelley, a transplant to Tulsa from Dallas, started his career in the staffing industry



after earning a degree in finance from The University of Tulsa. Before accepting an EVP and partner role, he served as the director of accounting and finance services for The Rowland Group. Throughout the span of his career in staffing, he has specialized in accounting, information technology and engineering.

Before moving into a management role while at The Rowland Group, Kelley was recognized in 2010 and 2011 as "Recruiter of the Year" for his dedication, strong work ethic and distinctive ability to help clients grow their businesses.

Kelley currently serves on the board of the Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium and the Rebuilding Together Tulsa board and is on the membership committee of Friends of Finance.

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Troy Boyer was recently hired to oversee client relations and sales of the managed services division. Prior to joining Avansic, Boyer had previous experience in the litigation support services field.

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Pythian Building: An Art Deco Delight

Some individuals wonder why Tulsa has so many excellent Pythian Building. The Pythian's examples of Art Deco architec- intricate terra cotta and ceramic ture. My theory is that the popu- tile colors, patterns and detail are

larity of Art Deco coincided with the 1920 boom years in our town. Art Deco was a bright, brash, exciting, new architecture, the antithesis of previous conservative, traditional building styles. It was an excellent fit with a young, vibrant growing oil town. Älthough the period years of Art Deco's popularity were shortlived (the style was virtually extinct by the end of World War II), Tulsa was left with dozens of significant Art

On Architecture



By ROGER COFFEY, AIA

ings, my favorite is the Pythian Building, 423 S. Boulder Ave.

In late 1928, J. M. Gillette and Harry C. Tyrrell, both oil men and financiers, hired Eduardo W. Saunders to design an office facility for them at the northeast corner of 5th Street and Boulder Avenue. A small threestory office building (less than 50,000 square feet) was finished in 1930. Although a 10-story hotel tower above was planned, for an overall height of 13 stories, it was never built: a victim of the depression years of the '30s. The project was known as the Gillette-Tyrrell Building. The owners, the Knights of

facade is divided Deco buildings. Of these build- by a series of narrow vertical piers running without interruption to the top of the parapet. These are ornamented with backto-back diamond patterns or zigarchitect zags, a recurring theme throughout the building. Segmented blue terra cotta accents the spandrels that are articulated with vertical ribs. The roof line in colors of blue, burnt sienna and green terra cotta give the impression of rising with the original design.

Both main facades originally had lighted projecting canopies. The canopy on Boulder Avenue is steel in a lace-like design. The 5th Street canopy is sadly missing but hurt badly by the stock market originally was steel clad in terra crash, sold the building in 1931 to cotta, which gave it a massive Pythian. appearance.

among the reasons I enjoy the

design of the building. The Pythian's exterior has

seven bays eastwest and five northbavs south. The building appears to have the towering height of the 13 stories it was intended to have. Its verticality is articulated by a thin linear skin of cream colored terra cotta. Playing on the skyscraper theme. the

blue

CURB APPEAL: The 3-story Pythian Building, 423 S. Boulder Ave., was completed in 1930, with plans to add a 10-story hotel tower that were scrapped due to the start of the Great Depression. The building is a beautiful example of Art Deco architecture, featuring intricate terra cotta and ceramic tile colors, patterns, and detail, and a grand L-shaped lobby with chandeliers and unique tile designs.

Above a narrow rusty red and to simulate a pilaster below a gray granite base, between the exterior piers, are glass openings, strangely nonconforming Tudor arches. These glass arches are framed with steel in a bundledreed design. Within them, the horizontal framing has an egg and diamond pattern.

At the interior, the L-shaped without termination, consistent lobby continues to dazzle and delight the eye. The flooring tile repeats the exterior zig-zag design. The effect is like an Indian blanket pattern, almost reminiscent of a design from New Mexico. The tile extends to a high perimeter wainscot. The wainscot is articulated by lobby bays (four each arm of the L); the tile rises coffered ceiling.

painted plaster ceiling beam. The beams with flaired ends are also painted in the recurring triangle design as is a perimeter triangular patterned ceiling cornice. Each ceiling bay is coffered in three levels. Interior windows at the second floor overlook the lobby and are embellished with a sandblasted pattern.

At the east end of the lobby, a graceful staircase rises to a balcony with a curved end. Below are tucked two elevators and access to the building basement. The ceiling above this section of the lobby appears to house a large skylight at the highest level of the

In reality, it is a light fixture whose lens is glass in a folded plate design. This was an extremely modern concept for its day.

Other lighting consists of eight tall slender chandeliers, each with four etched glass panels which terminate in a triangle design top and bottom. These were designed and fabricated by the Empire Manufacturing Chandelier Company of Sand Springs. The company president was W. J. Smiley whose fixtures in buildings and residences are highly prized by longtime Tulsans.

The Pythian is one of Tulsa's building jewels. Drive by, and if time permits, take a walk inside and enjoy the sights.







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OLIDAY PLANNIN **Tulsa Herb Society to Hold Carols and Crumpets Dec. 5**

Crumpets, its annual herbal craft fair, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave.

Tulsa Herb Society members spend the year crafting unique a.m.-2 p.m. Coffee and hot items, jarring delicious jams spiced ciders will also be availand chutneys, infusing vinegars with rosemary, basil, and other herbs, and hand-sewing a gingerbread-themed Christmas tree, all to be raffled away. The Herb Society also has a special greenery booth with large bunches of mixed greens, which can be used in holiday décor.

Vendors will offer live wreaths, mosaic garden items, hypertufa pots, original art and Tulsa cards, fused glass vases, glass Facebook.

On Dec. 5, the Tulsa Herb and stoneware dishes, herbal Society will hold Carols and soaps and spices, native crafts, garden sculptures, handmade clothing and jewelry, chalkware, and vintage merchandise.

A special lunch will be served at the Snowflake Café, open 11 able for attendees to enjoy while they shop. Admission to the event is free.

Proceeds from Carols and Crumpets will benefit the Tulsa Herb Society, with a portion benefitting the Tulsa Garden Center and Linnaeus Teaching Garden.

For more information call 918-496-8019 or "like" the Tulsa Herb Society on



Food Bank Needs Holiday Donat

Fallin kicked off her sixth annual Feeding Oklahoma Drive, which continues through Oct. 31. The ner agencies across the state. goal of the drive is to raise two million meals to help feed hungry Oklahoma families, children and seniors. The month-long food drive benefits the Regional Food

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Need increases exponentially during the holiday season.

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Oklahoma consistently ranks among the most food-insecure states in the nation, with more than 656,000 Oklahomans at risk of hunger every day. The Regional Food Bank provides enough food to feed more than 116,000 people each week, 37 percent of whom are children. The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distributes

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On Oct. 1, Governor Mary Bank of Oklahoma and the enough food to provide more than 346,000 meals per week.

"Governor Fallin's Feeding Oklahoma Drive means so much in the fight against hunger in our state," says Rodney Bivens, executive director of the Regional Food Bank. "Every dollar donated provides five meals for Oklahomans who are struggling to keep food on their table during the difficult winter months. We are grateful for the past generosity of Oklahomans and hopeful for another season of giving.

Non-perishable food items can be donated at BancFirst and Bob Moore locations, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and their partner agencies.

Bivens and Bradshaw stressed that the most-needed items include monetary donations, canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned tuna, peanut butter, and rice and beans.

"Walking through our warehouse, you will see many more empty shelves than even a month ago," says Eileen Bradshaw, executive director of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. "We have fewer staple items for the hungry in our state. It is difficult, as our partners are feeling the dip in food supply but not a dip in food requests. This drive comes at a critical time, and we are grateful for the generosity."







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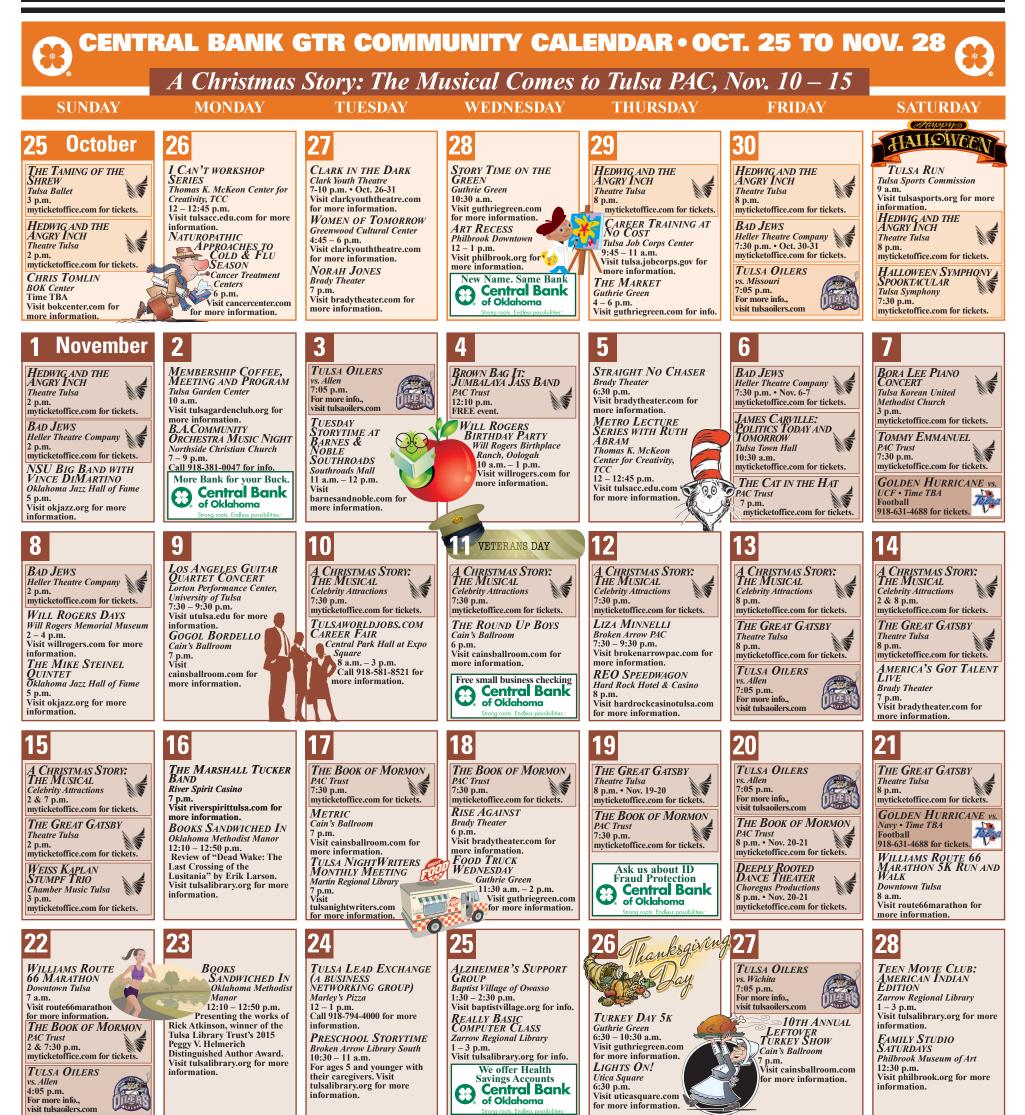
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