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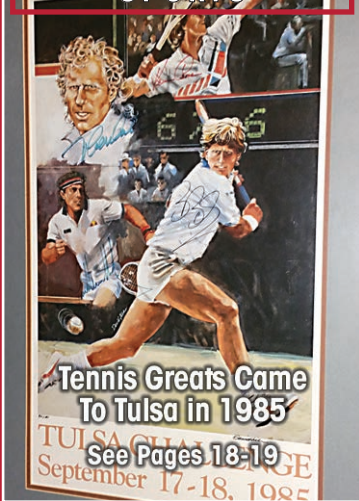
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# Activities Abound at Tulsa State Fair

By EMILY RAMSEY  
Managing Editor

The Tulsa State Fair, Oct. 1-11, is back for a "Goat-Tastic" 11 days of food, rides and events.

Free, family-friendly shows take place daily on the fairgrounds including three new shows this year: the Great Cat Experience, Swashchucklers Comedy Pirate Show and the High Diving Pirates. "I'm looking forward to seeing the high divers," says Fair Manager Amanda Blair. "It's a pretty shallow pool, but, of course, they're professionals."

The Just for Kids building will feature Little Ray's Reptile Zoo and his Nature's Ninja show, which will highlight reptiles with an educational slant for children.

Also located in the building will be giant-sized board games, including Jenga, Checkers and Twister. "It will be a fun opportunity for families and friends to interact and engage with each other," says Blair.

Taking place Oct. 3-4 is the always-anticipated Oklahoma State Sugar Art Show in the lower level of the River Spirit Expo. This year's theme is Fashion Week 2015. Featured presenters are food stylists and New York Times best-selling authors Alan Richardson and Karen Tack, who will create edgy baker-style cakes with common grocery store items, says show founder and organizer Kerry Vincent. Also on hand will be Michael Lewis-Anderson baker extraordinaire to the Belgian royal family extended aristocracy, who will create a multi-tiered birthday cake with sugar horses and carriages to celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

From Oct. 2-8, visitors can observe nationally-acclaimed buttercream sculptor Rebecca Wortman as she creates a baroque-style buttercream sculpture. Wortman will be sculpting also on the lower level, near the Muscogee (Creek) Nation stage.



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**VARIED EVENTS:** New and returning kiddie, family, and spectacular thrill rides are coming to the Tulsa State Fair, Oct. 1-11. Pictured at left, Miss Tulsa State Fair, Alivia Rawls, poses at the 2014 Tulsa State Fair. The Miss Tulsa State Fair Pageant will take place on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation stage, on the Fair's opening night, Oct. 1.

Taking place on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation stage, on the Fair's opening night, Oct. 1, will be the Miss Tulsa State Fair Pageant, which is a part of the Miss America pageant system. The winner will hold the title of Miss Tulsa State Fair for one year and go on to compete in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

On Oct. 3-4, the stage will host the 43rd annual Picking and Fiddling Championships, and from Oct. 5-11, the Chipper Experience comedy and magic show will take place at 3, 6 and 8 p.m. each day.

The Fair's two ticketed events will take place in the Pavilion: Disney on Ice will present Frozen Oct. 1-4; ticket prices range from \$20-45; and the PRCA Rodeo will take place Oct. 9-10, with musical acts following the rodeo on both evenings. On Oct. 9, Easton Corbin will take the stage and Pat Green on Oct. 10; tickets cost \$30 per day.

Livestock shows begin with the

Arabian Horse Show on Sept. 24. Shows and exhibitions run through Oct. 11.

Children can experience a close encounter with their favorite farm animal at the Great American Petting Zoo in the Super Duty Exhibit Hall. Taking place on the Central Park Hall Lawn will be pony rides and an animal milking parlor.

Acts to take the Oklahoma Stage include Andy Grammer, Alaska & Madi from season six of The Voice, Beatlemania, Sean Kingston, Hinder, Colt Ford, Dustin Lynch and The Fabulous MidLife Crisis Band.

The Bud Light Tailgate Tent and the International Beer Garden will feature acts from Tulsa and surrounding cities. Chandler, Oklahoma, native Lauren Nichols, All About A Bubble, FM Pilots and Lost on Utica will take the stage at the Bud Light Tailgate Tent. Rick Jawsun of Oklahoma City, Tulsa musicians Something Steel, The Tom Basler Dueling

Piano Show and Christine Jude Duo are among those performing at the International Beer Garden.

New foods to look forward to this year include deep fried buffalo chicken wing dip, pancake and waffle burgers, Mexican funnel cakes (deep fried churros with toppings), red velvet donuts, and chicken and waffles on a stick.

State fair visitors this year will notice a number of new rides, including kiddie and family rides and three spectacular, thrill rides: Haunted Mansion, Quasar and Cyclone Roller Coaster.

Mega Ride Passes can be purchased at Expo Ticket Xpress, located at the southwest corner of the Pavilion. The East Mega Ride Office, located at the south side of Fair Meadows, will open Sept. 18. There will be a new Mega Ride Office, located on the east end of facility southwest of the Pavilion, which will open Monday-Sunday, Sept. 28-Oct. 4. Mega Ride passes cost \$70 until Sept. 18, when they increase to \$75.

## KUDOS OF THE MONTH: CTCA Tulsa

This year marks the 25th anniversary for Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa. The hospital, which exclusively treats adult cancer patients and follows "the Mother Standard of care," offers advanced cancer treatment to Oklahoma residents and the surrounding region.



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CTCA employs approximately 720 people in Tulsa and has almost 200 allied health professionals who are focused on delivering high-quality service and empowering patients to achieve wellness. A recent analysis conducted by Deloitte consulting revealed that CTCA has a \$383 million annual impact

on the state's economy and is the largest medical importer of patients to Oklahoma.

In addition to the economic impact, CTCA has also developed a community outreach program, called CTCA Hope Works, to provide employees an outlet for volunteerism. In its first five months of existence, CTCA volunteers donated 1300 hours and raised almost \$400,000 for 45 Tulsa-area organizations.

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# MACY'S BRINGS GREAT NEWS TO REGION



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**MOMENTOUS DAY:** Individuals walk into the Macy's Fulfillment Center in Owasso, at 7120 E. 76th St. N., on Aug. 6 to attend the facility's ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony.

On Aug. 6, the Macy's Logistics and Operations Tulsa County Fulfillment Center officially opened its doors with a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony.

Macy's corporate officers, the Tulsa Regional Chamber and area elected officials joined community members to celebrate the opening of the center – a two-year collaborative project that brought together dozens of area stakeholders. The project is the largest jobs announcement in Oklahoma in the last 10 years.

The facility, located in northern Tulsa County, at 7120 E. 76th St. N., in Owasso, will house more than 2,500 full and part-time employees. Its two million square feet of interior space makes it the largest of its kind in the world for the company.

Speaking at the event were Gov. Mary Fallin, Cherokee Nation Chief Bill John Baker, Tulsa County Commissioner John Smaligo, Macy's chairman and CEO Terry Lundgren, and Tulsa Regional Chamber President and CEO Mike Neal. Neal spoke to attendees at the ribbon cutting about the impact of this investment in the Tulsa region: the \$180-million center is estimated to add more than \$800 million to the local economy over the next decade.

"The grand opening of Macy's newest fulfillment center is a reminder that the Tulsa region is emerging as a national leader in economic development, with strong momentum toward creating a better future for all of northeast Oklahoma," says Neal.

Solidifying that presence, Macy's presented the Tulsa Library Trust with a check for \$25,000. Gary Shaffer, chief executive officer of the Tulsa City-County Library, accepted the donation.

"(The regional partners) worked together so incredibly collaboratively," Lundgren says. "That doesn't happen in every state, in every community. That's why we're here."

The Chamber's Tulsa's Future regional economic development program led the attraction and negotiating process. Partners in the deal included The City of Owasso, especially former Mayor Doug Bonebrake and economic development director Chelsea Levo; the Owasso Land Trust and David Charney; the Cherokee Nation and Chief Bill John Baker; the Tulsa County Commission; Rich Brierre and Julie Minor from INCOG; Dr. Steve Tiger from Tulsa Tech; and Scott Smith from the Oklahoma Department of Career Tech; in addition to Governor Fallin, President Pro Tempore Brian Bingman and former Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce Larry Parman; Charles Kimbrough and James Johnson from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; the Oklahoma Department of Transportation; the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission; and the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.



**LIBRARY DONATION:** Gary Shaffer, chief executive officer of the Tulsa City-County Library, accepts a donation of \$25,000 for the Tulsa Library Trust from Macy's chairman and CEO Terry Lundgren.



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**RIBBON CUTTING:** Macy's Chairman and CEO Terry Lundgren, Gov. Mary Fallin and additional Macy's representatives and area officials cut the ribbon in honor of the opening of the Macy's Fulfillment Center in Owasso on Aug. 6.

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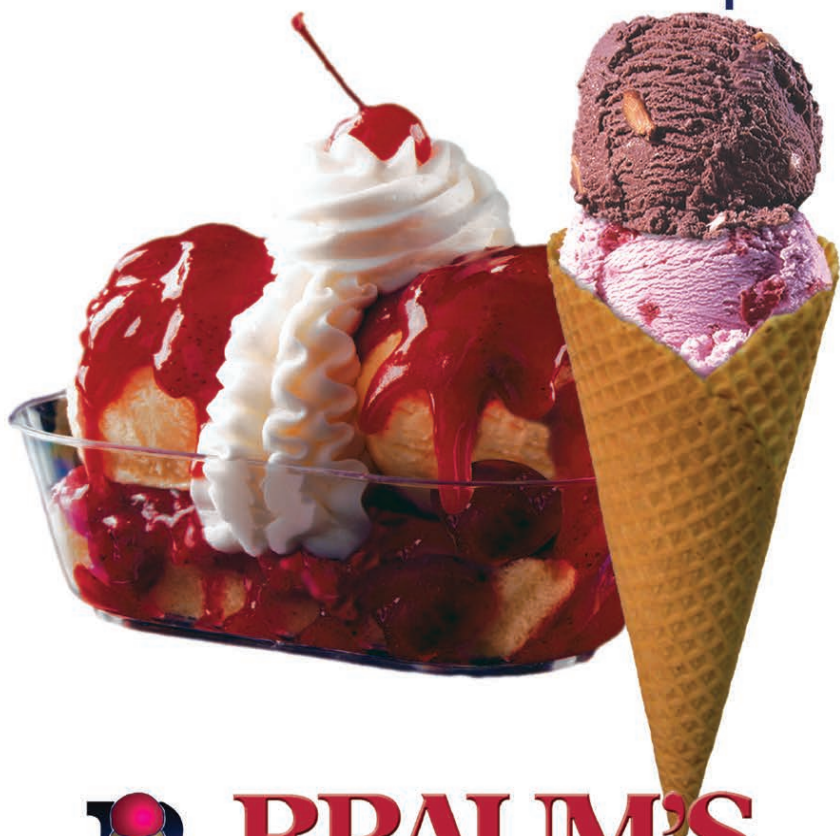
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**BUSY CHAMBER:** Gov. Mary Fallin poses with, from left, Mayor Dewey Bartlett, Jeff Dunn, chair-elect of the Tulsa Regional Chamber's Board of Directors, and Mike Neal, president and CEO of the Tulsa Regional Chamber, at the chamber's annual State of the State Address, held on July 8 at the Cox Business Center. On Aug. 18, Mayor Bartlett spoke at the chamber's annual State of the City Address.


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# Susan Harris is Named the 2015 Vision Honoree

Susan Harris is the Tulsa Community College Foundation 2015 Vision in Education Leadership Award recipient. She will receive the award at the TCC Vision in Education Leadership Award Dinner Thurs., Sept. 24 at the Cox Business Center in downtown Tulsa. The 2015 Vision Honorary Chair is Don Walker and Susan Neal serves as the dinner committee chair.

Harris is being honored for her exemplary service to Tulsa's progress in education in her role as senior vice president of education and workforce development at the Tulsa Regional Chamber. Many community leaders consider her to be their "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 from higher education to common education.

"There is not a single education initiative in the past 20 years where Susan Harris was not involved, working behind the scenes, so our students would have better oppor-

tunities from common education to higher education," says TCC President and CEO Leigh B. Goodson, Ph.D. "TCC has directly benefitted with her early embrace and support of Tulsa Achieves to transform Tulsa and build on its economic prosperity by removing barriers to higher education."

Every significant education initiative in recent decades has been informed and advanced by Harris's understanding of education. Her work alone has resulted in more than \$1 billion of funding through bond elections supported by Tulsans for Tulsa Public Schools. Harris was instrumental in changing access to public universities in Tulsa by working with the Oklahoma legislature to transform the University Center at Tulsa resulting in Tulsa campuses for Langston, Northeastern State University, Oklahoma State University, and University of Oklahoma and providing increased opportunities for higher education and access.

The inclusion of key education projects in the Vision 2025 bond



SUSAN HARRIS



**DINNER TASTING:** Enjoying the TCC Vision Dinner tasting are, from left, Susan Neal, 2015 Vision Dinner committee chair; Don Walker, 2015 Vision Dinner honorary chair and previous Vision in Education Leadership Award recipient; and Leigh B. Goodson, president and CEO of Tulsa Community College.

package can be traced back to her tireless efforts and created a lasting benefit for generations. Harris is now retired but her contributions and commitment to education set

her apart to receive this prestigious award from the Tulsa Community College Foundation.

In addition, ONE Gas has contributed \$20,000 to the dinner to

support students.

Sponsorships and tickets are available. For more information, call 918-595-7836 or [www.tul-sacc.edu/visiondinner](http://www.tul-sacc.edu/visiondinner)

## Recent Master's Graduates Join Tulsa's Team

### COMMENTARY

By DEWEY F. BARTLETT, JR.  
Mayor, City of Tulsa

The City of Tulsa is partnering with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for a Graduate Fellowship Program that places recent master's degree graduates from around the country with municipalities to help with research and policy initiatives.

Four fellows from the program were selected to work at the City of Tulsa full-time on a variety of projects with the following city departments: Asset Management, Customer Care, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Tulsa Police and Water & Sewer.

Fellows will work on projects ranging from police civilianization implementation to sustainability initiatives and grants and assist with a variety of short-term projects that are in need of analysis and research.

This is a great opportunity for the City of Tulsa to have professionals that are familiar with city government and are on the path to become city managers across the U.S. It also provides the City of Tulsa with an opportunity to potentially promote and retain these highly qualified individuals within the organization to help with succession as our employees reach retirement age. We want to thank each fellow for choosing Tulsa as their home and look forward to their contributions to the city.

All four fellows have already moved to Tulsa and started working with their assigned city departments. ICMA was responsible for vetting the fellows and setting up placement interviews. The City of Tulsa will be responsible for the fellows' salaries for at least one year.

The City of Tulsa ICMA Fellows include the following:

- Kevin A. Catlin from Elgin, Ill., with a Master of Public Administration from the University of Illinois, Springfield;



**NEW TULSANS:** Tulsa's ICMA Fellows include, from left, Kevin Catlin, Miles Lovato, Jillian Childress and Nathan Dorfman.

- Jillian Childress from Chicago, with a Master of Public Administration from Arizona State University;
- Nathan Dorfman from Philadelphia, with a Master of Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh; and
- Miles Lovato from Denver, with a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University.

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## Second Annual Sickle Cell 5K Coming to Tulsa

As a part of National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, Oklahoma non-profit Supporters of Families with Sickle Cell Disease (SFSCD) will host the second annual Sickle Cell 5K for a Cure and Community Awareness Bazaar on Sept. 5 in the historic Greenwood District at Langston University. The public is invited to participate in raising

funds and awareness surrounding the most common genetic blood disorder in the world; affecting an estimated 1,500 Oklahomans living with the disease and another 40,000 who carry the gene and their families.

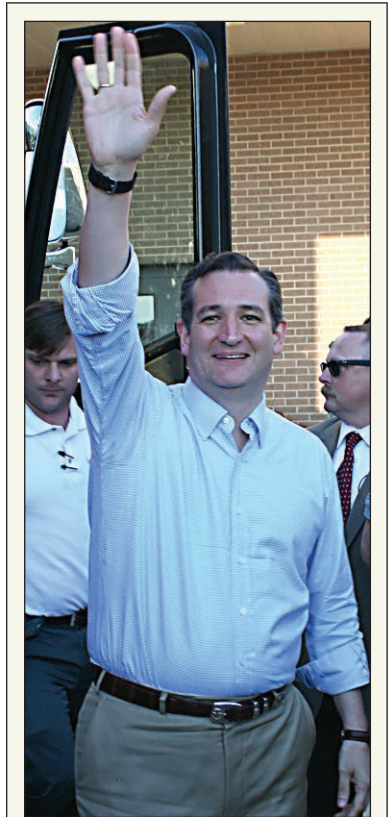
"The strain on individuals and families living with the disease is enormous," shares Jeremiah Watts,

SFSCD development director and parent of a child living with the disease.

Join celebrity participants Tulsa's Sen. Kevin Matthew, Rep. Seneca Scott, Councilman Jack Henderson and author Clifton Taulbert for the 5K kickoff at 9 a.m. on Sept. 5. After, participants can enjoy the Community Awareness Bazaar fea-

turing a family and kid's zone with vendors to shop, inflatables, book mobile, face painting, balloon artists, therapeutic recreation, food and performances from the Edison Dance Company of Edison High School.

Signup online at [www.sickle-cell5k.splashthat.com](http://www.sickle-cell5k.splashthat.com), or call 918-408-1460.



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**HELLO TULSA!!!** GOP Presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz visited Tulsa Aug. 13 as the guest of Rep. Jim Bridenstine. The photo was taken after Cruz stepped off the campaign bus at Union High School. The Union Performing Arts Center was packed with Cruz supporters who showed extremely strong support for the candidate. Bridenstine was the sixth member of Congress to endorse Cruz for president.

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# September Shows Launch Packed PAC Season

Most recently, my husband and I were having dinner with a former classmate of his, who was visiting Tulsa as a recruiter to fill top-level jobs in the field of medicine. He didn't know I worked at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center but began to describe the types of amenities that his relocating clientele desire in a city. Performing and visual arts were near the top of the list.

I shared with our recruiter friend the upcoming PAC season highlights, and he confirmed what I've known for a long time - Tulsa offers quality and quantity in arts and entertainment. That's important for keeping our young, bright minds here along with attracting a quality workforce.

The PAC's September lineup of shows is a perfect example of the spectrum of entertainment offered locally. I want to attend every single event.

Theatre Tulsa is a longtime theatre institution (since 1922) that has evolved, struggled at times, but has come back stronger than ever. The company's next big endeavor is the Tony Award-winning musical "Miss Saigon," Sept. 4-20. Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil, who created "Les Misérables," collaborated on this piece, based on the Puccini opera "Madama Butterfly." As in "Butterfly," the cad/dad in the "Miss Saigon" tragedy is an American soldier, who fathers a baby in a foreign land and returns to the U.S., responsibility free. When he revisits Vietnam, years later, it's not to marry the mother of his child. Much to her shock and dismay, he brings his American wife. The story is told with pop-infused music and will feature an award-winning Los Angeles-based actor, Nicole Barredo, as the forlorn Vietnamese girl, Kim.

The fear following natural or man-made disasters is explored in a multimedia production from Cloud Eye Control, Sept. 11-12, hosted by Living Arts. The piece is called "Half Life." Blogs written by women affected by the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear crisis in Japan inspired this piece. Living Arts split its New Genre Festival into two parts this year, and "Half Life" is featured in Part B. The event is free to attend, but reservations are recommended.

Parsons Dance is a contemporary dance troupe that is welcomed on the most prestigious stages of the world.

Tulsa audiences will have a chance to see a new piece, "Finding Center," choreographed by company founder David Parsons. Also on the program, presented by Choregus Productions,

is the mysterious and light-hearted "The Envelope," as well as Parsons' signature piece, "Caught," featuring 100 jumps in five minutes. A tribute to Miles Davis, "Kind of Blue," and other works will be performed Sept. 12.

It will be an über arts weekend for Chamber Music Tulsa and the Pacifica Quartet are in town. I'm so ready for Chamber Music Tulsa's series to begin again on Sept. 13. Pacifica Quartet, a Grammy-winning ensemble, will perform Mozart, Mendelssohn and a piece titled "Glitter, Shards, Doom, Memory," composed in 2013 by Shulamit Ran. She is an Israeli-American composer who was the second woman in history to win the Pulitzer Prize for Music.

Here's a stage presentation that has a cast with names like The Escapologist, The Weapons Master and The Manipulator. Those three magicians are part of the magnificent seven, The Illusionists, appearing and disappearing in Chapman Music Hall Sept. 18-20, presented by Celebrity Attractions. There's humor, deft sleight of hand and death-defying stunts in this show. These guys are cool.

One SummerStage show that I'm sorry I missed last June is "Next to Normal." I heard it was beautifully acted and that the singers and overall production were top-notch. I'm so happy that Theatre Tulsa is bringing it back Sept. 25-27. Winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize, the musical blends hard rock and gripping drama in telling the story of a bipolar mother and effects the illness has on her family.

Tulsa Symphony has come a long way in 10 years. This season marks that anniversary with an addition of a Pops Series. But first, there's "Experience the Exotic" with new principal guest conductor Daniel Hege. Rimsky-Korsakov's tone poem "Scheherazade" is slated for the Sept. 26 performance, along with Augusta Read Thomas' "Prayer Bells," and the part of the program I am really

## Show Buzz



By NANCY HERMANN



**MISS SAIGON:** Los Angeles-based actress Nicole Barredo stars as the abandoned lover of an American GI in Theatre Tulsa's presentation of the Tony Award-winning musical "Miss Saigon," Sept. 4-20.



**EXPERIENCE THE EXOTIC:** Crescendo Award winner Yun-Chin Zhou performs Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2 for "Experience the Exotic," the opening concert of Tulsa Symphony's 10th anniversary season, Sept. 26.

looking forward to, Crescendo Award winner Yun-Chin Zhou playing Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Pick up a season brochure in our lobby racks, or download one online at tulsapac.com. Please consider treating out-of-town guests to local entertainment. You can help spread the news that Tulsa is on the move and in the groove. It's show time!

Nancy Hermann is Director of Marketing at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center.



**THE ILLUSIONISTS:** Broadway's smash hit, *The Illusionists*, is a fast-paced, wildly entertaining show featuring seven masters of magic, presented by Celebrity Attractions, Sept. 18-20.



**THE ENVELOPE:** Now in its 31st year, Parsons Dance will be a guest of Choregus Productions on Sept. 12 for a full evening of dance including "The Envelope," a lighthearted piece about loss of identity and individuality.



**PACIFICA QUARTET:** Chamber Music Tulsa welcomes the Grammy-winning Pacifica Quartet on Sept. 13 for music by Mozart, Mendelssohn and a piece called "Glitter, Shards, Doom, Memory," composed by the Israeli-American composer and Pulitzer Prize winner Shulamit Ran.



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# September Brings Free Concerts to Guthrie Green

By **JULIE WENGER WATSON**  
Contributing Writer

The 4th annual Tulsa Roots Rocks The Green will kick off five consecutive Sundays of free music on Tulsa's Guthrie Green on Sept. 6.

The family-friendly concert series will include kids' arts and crafts activities, additional performances on the park lawn and informational community booths.

Ben Miller Band headlines the first Sunday of the series with its "Ozark-stomp" sound. This Springfield, Missouri, based trio uses lo-tech and largely self-built instruments to create its unique blend of bluegrass, delta blues and Appalachian mountain music. Everything from a washtub bass, created from a weed eater string attached to a wooden pole stuck in a plastic bucket, to electric washboards and spoons are put into use during the band's high-energy live shows.

Frontman, singer-songwriter Ben Miller plays banjo, harmonica and guitar.

While the band's instruments might be unconventional, Miller is serious about the music he writes. "What I really care about is songs, and the rest of it is just a vehicle to get you to that destination," he says. "Just because we use junk to make music doesn't mean we aren't serious about it."

Opening for BMB is New York City-based rock duo London Souls. Singer-songwriter Tash Neal and drummer Chris St. Hilaire's music takes its cues from bands like Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix Experience and Sly & The Family Stone.

Sunday, Sept. 13 is Cherokee Nation Day, where Cherokee artisans and performers will be part of the Guthrie Green festivities. Main stage performers include Indigenous, a blues rock band led by Mato Nanji, who was born and raised on South Dakota's Yankton

Sioux Reservation. A highly-respected guitarist and vocalist, Nanji has been a member of the critically-acclaimed Experience Hendrix Tour since 2002, this in addition to touring with his own band.

Mali's world-rock guitarist Vieux Farka Touré will also perform.

Music from Jamaica's Mykal Rose, a former and founding member of the influential reggae band Black Uhuru, Columbia's Cimarrón and Americana bands Shinyribs and American Aquarium, are also a part of the diverse mix. Closing out the series Oct. 4 will be Oklahoma's own John Fullbright. A Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, this young musician from Bearden, Oklahoma, has earned a national following and praise for his well-crafted, often witty, lyrics and piano-driven melodies.

More information on this free concert series can be found at [www.tulsarootsmusic.org](http://www.tulsarootsmusic.org).



**BEN MILLER BAND:** On Sept. 6, the 4th annual Tulsa Roots Rocks The Green will kick off five consecutive Sundays of free music at Guthrie Green in downtown Tulsa. Ben Miller Band will headline the first Sunday of the series with its "Ozark-stomp" sound. The Springfield, Missouri, based trio uses lo-tech and largely self-built instruments to create its unique blend of bluegrass, delta blues and Appalachian mountain music.

# Andrés Franco Ready for Signature Symphony Season

By **EMILY RAMSEY**  
Managing Editor

In March, Colombia native Andrés Franco officially took the baton as conductor and artistic director of Signature Symphony at Tulsa Community College. Franco is only the second music director in the 36-year history of the orchestra, following the retirement of Barry Epperley. Signature Symphony at TCC includes 70 professional musicians who not only perform with the orchestra but also teach and coach music students at TCC, other colleges and universities, and various public and private schools and studios in the area.

Franco was chosen after an extensive two-year search by TCC.

Franco is an accomplished pianist and most recently spent five seasons as principal conductor of the multimedia project, Caminos del Inka, and three seasons as artistic director of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra's Concerts in the Garden Summer Festival.

As to what attracted him to Signature Symphony, "It (Signature Symphony) is a unique set-up: a professional orchestra at residence at a community college. TCC brings stability, resources and community support to the symphony," he says. "I want to let the world know what's going on here."

Franco holds a bachelor's degree in piano performance from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia, as well as two master of music degrees in piano performance and conducting from Texas Christian University.

Franco grew up surrounded by music and at an early age was drawn to the piano.

"In my family, everybody played an instrument. During the holidays and birthdays, everyone would take out their guitars and other instruments and sing," he says.

"There were pianos at both of my grandparents' homes. When I was young, I would just start hitting keys."

Soon, Franco's uncle, a composer, flutist, jazz musician and pianist, began teaching piano to Franco.

Franco went on to train seriously and to become an accomplished pianist. He studied with Van Cliburn Gold Medalist Jose Feghali and attended piano workshops with Rudolph Buchbinder in Switzerland and Lev Naumov in France.

It was his piano skills that brought him to the U.S. After winning a national piano competition in Colombia, one of the judges, who worked at TCU, invited Franco to come to the university to study with him.

While Franco's original plan was to become a concert pianist, once he discovered conducting, his plan took a turn.

"I like conducting because your focus is on attaining the performance that you want and ensuring that the piece is performed properly," he says.

"As a musician is playing an instrument, you are thinking about the technicalities of the music, but as a conductor, you're focused on shaping the performance and

trusting the orchestra to produce (the sound)."

In addition, conductors are tasked with making the most out of rehearsal time. Symphonies typically only hold rehearsals a few times before a performance. The Signature Symphony orchestra meets for three or four two-hour sessions before a show.

Conductors need to have organizational skills to keep the rehearsal on schedule but also be flexible and in touch with the needs of the orchestra if they need more practice in certain areas of a piece, Franco says.

Conductors are also responsible for the arrangement of musicians on, and possibly off, stage and the placement of instruments, such as if a performance features a pianist or a choir.

For example, the opening performance of the 2015-16 Classics series on Oct. 3: Tchaikovsky 1812 Overture and Respighi Pines of Rome will feature two pieces by Tchaikovsky and one by Jennifer Higdon, a Pulitzer Prize winning composer, and will literally surround the audience in music, says Franco. Brass players will be situated in the audience, "so music will be playing behind audience members and all around."

Other Classics series performances include The Ioudenitch Family, Nov. 14, with 11-year-old Eduard Yudenich serving as conductor of the orchestra; on Jan. 23, 2016, Barber, Bernstein and Boyer: The Dream of America, a multimedia piece that explores the stories of seven immigrants who traveled through Ellis Island; Victoria Luperi, Feb. 27, an accomplished clarinetist and Franco's wife – "the performance I'm most looking forward to," he smiles – and on April 16, George Gershwin Porgy and Bess.

Kicking off the Pops series Sept. 11-12 is Jaimee Paul and Music of James Bond, a particular favorite for Franco: "I'm a huge James Bond fan; I wanted that to open the Pops season."

Oct. 23-24, Jerry Herman will perform with a cast of New York's top Broadway and concert stars; among them will be Edison High School graduate Jason Graae. Leading up to the shows, performers will hold a master class for college students, with one or two stand-out students performing during the two shows.

In addition, Christmas in Tulsa, Dec. 18-19, will feature saxophonist Grady Nichols; Chris Mann of Phantom of the Opera will perform Feb. 5-6; and Blockbuster Broadway, March 11-12, will round out the Pops series, with well-known Broadway numbers performed by a trio of New York's top vocalists.

Franco, who was responsible for selecting this season of performances, made his choices for a few different reasons, he says.

One, he has worked previously with many of the featured artists, "so I know how good they are," he says.

Additionally, "I want to make this fun for the audience, but I also want to make them think and make an impact in the community, for instance, with the master class and

with 11-year-old Eduard Yudenich: seeing him conduct an orchestra will inspire kids of all ages.

"There are so many things that can be accomplished in a show in addition to entertaining the audience."

For tickets or more information about the 2015-16 Signature Symphony season, visit [signaturesymphony.org](http://signaturesymphony.org) or call 918-595-7777.

### ACCOMPLISHED CONDUCTOR:

Andrés Franco, right, Signature Symphony artistic director and conductor, hosted saxophonist Grady Nichols, Jane Stanley, Signature Symphony Advisory Board chair, and members of the media at a July luncheon to announce the 2015-16 Signature Symphony season.



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# Gilcrease Restaurant Offers Southwestern Flair

## LOCAL DINING

By **BLAKE AUSTYN**  
Contributing Writer

Gilcrease Museum is known for its collection of Native American art and artifacts. But beyond that, an additional attraction to be found is at the museum's restaurant, sitting above the beautiful rolling green Osage Hills.

The Restaurant at Gilcrease follows a southwestern theme and serves lunch and Sunday brunch. Its lunch offerings include sandwiches, salads, entrees and desserts.

My friend and I sat down for lunch on a weekday around 12:30 p.m. and were, fortunately, seated along the restaurant's back wall of windows that overlook the Osage Hills that are on the museum's western edge.

The first thing our server did was bring cheddar, chive and garlic bread for our table, which was a flavorful touch to whet our appetites.

For our appetizer, we tried the Fried Oysters with ancho aioli. The oysters had a nice breeding, not

overly thick, that helped to subdue the sliminess of oysters that normally turns me off from the dish, and the aioli sauce added a tasty dimension to the flavor.

For my main course, I ordered the Carne Asada Salad with grilled peaches and ginger lime vinaigrette. The salad was made of arugula topped with chopped onions and cucumbers. The grilled peaches and steak were both on the side. The steak was cooked and flavored well with very little fat, and the peaches brought a hint of sweetness to the tangy arugula.

"The Carne Asada Salad is one of my personal favorites; the steak is marinated overnight in Chimichurri sauce," says Executive Chef Geoffrey van Glabbeek.

My friend ordered the Vista Buffalo Burger with white cheddar and bacon jam – a burger that has been on the menu always; it's a tradition, says Glabbeek. The burger comes with the choice of french fries or sweet potato chips. My tablemate chose the fries, which came out a little less crispy than desired. The burger came with the traditional lettuce, tomato and onion, with the bacon jam offering

an unexpected and enjoyable sweet flavor contrast to the vegetables.

For other items to try, Glabbeek suggests the Buffalo Frog Legs with blue cheese and carrot chips: "a fun and slightly different item."

One of the more popular entrees is the Mushroom Ravioli with asparagus and tomatoes.

"When I wrote the menu, I included this dish even though it didn't really fit with the southwestern theme of the restaurant," he says. "Its popularity was a pleasant surprise."

While we chose to skip dessert, the menu offers six options of varying prices and tastes, including the French Lemon Tart, Black Forest Pot au Crème and Vanilla Pound Cake with fresh berries.

The Daily Cupcake is an inexpensive small offering for diners who want a quick sweet treat. The Sorbet Trio is gluten-free and non-dairy.

Glabbeek has worked for the museum's restaurant for almost five years.

Glabbeek grew up in Tulsa and attended the Culinary Institute of America in New York. He helped to redesign the museum's restau-



**DINING WITH A VIEW:** The Restaurant at Gilcrease offers diners western views of the beautiful rolling green Osage Hills. The restaurant serves lunch and Sunday brunch. Its lunch offerings include sandwiches, salads, entrees and desserts.

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## Viewers' Advice, Teacher Tips and Public Programs for Eco Readers

As summer ends, I think about the fun adventures had and a list of projects never started, realizing that

it's when I'm on more of a schedule that I actually get things done. Well, a few weeks after the rhythm of the fall/school year settles in. Thanks to some local offerings, now is a great time to pair that realization with scheduling in time to take recycling a step further into sustainability.

### Pilot ScoreCard

Many times, the hardest part about participating is organizing something new. At its August breakfast, B2B: Business to Business case, Sustainable Tulsa (ST) launched a new initiative for local companies called, "ScoreCard."

ScoreCard partners more than two dozen local companies with trained volunteers who have agreed to work in tandem over the next nine months to explore, plan, implement and train towards stronger sustainable practices internally and externally.

ST brought together area business leaders to help create this pilot program. It's going to be exciting to see what they discover, and what we get to discover with them. Industry's ability to create all our stuff means it's a great place to incorporate sustainable practices in hopes of moving towards building full-circle plans for all our stuff. Made, sold, reused, upcycled, recycled and repeat.

categories: people, profit and planet. Log on to [www.bellmonawards.com](http://www.bellmonawards.com) to learn more. While there, (shameless plug) feel free to view the video I had the honor to create about our past Oklahoma governor where his three daughters speak about Henry's legacy of sustainability.

### Reader's Write

Thank you to reader Ed Kline who sent in a TEDx that will captivate any good recycler. As the description says, better than I keep trying:

"You use paper towels to dry your hands every day, but chances are, you're doing it wrong. In this enlightening and funny short talk, Joe Smith reveals the trick to perfect paper towel technique."

I was actually pondering this very thing during a recent road trip. My workplace provides single paper towels in the bathroom dispenser. I'd been taking two to dry my hands and felt it was overkill that drying my hands two to three times a day shouldn't warrant the cost of a tree and all that entails. Yes, this is what drives me while driving. Joe Smith's clever ruse is to drill the words, "Shake," and "Fold," into your mind. Shake off excess water 12 times, fold your single paper towel to dry, and it really does work better. I've talked it up too much, now, I'm sure, but you can get all his tips by searching online for, "Joe Smith, how to use a paper towel."

## Trash Talk



By **BETH TURNER**

Tulsa Master Recyclers Association

### Bellmon Awards

If you haven't read it before, this is my favorite line from ST's mission statement: "we believe that by embracing the Triple Bottom Line – People, Profit, Planet – our business leaders, community leaders and citizens can make Tulsa the most sustainable city in America." I like that.

The Henry Bellmon Awards ceremony will be held Sept. 17 at Southern Hills Country Club. In honor of his memory, ST and the Tulsa Southside Rotary Club and Foundation award locals in three



**PROJECT OF CHOICE:** The Henry Bellmon Awards honoring local sustainability leaders funds projects like the McLain Renewable Energy Project. Trash Talk brought you the story in the May/June issue of 2012. This project was also made possible in part to the hard work and dedication of Career Tech teacher Martha Campbell, seen here in 2012 with two of her grandchildren, Camille and Brenden.

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# Communing with Nature on Turkey Mountain

I will never be proud of the way I react to a spider.

I was in a restaurant recently, and a small bug, which I swear was a baby cockroach, crawled down the wall, a few inches from my seat.

The initial response of most people would be to question the cleanliness of the establishment, but for me, my mind could only focus on one impulse: run! Seeing as that was not a possibility, I then made sure not to lose sight of the creature, for fear that when I did, it would leap off the wall onto me.

My father, not quite grasping the degree of my phobia, calmly handed me a tissue. I told him that, instead, I would need something much bigger, like a shoe. When we determined that a shoe would not be appropriate in this circumstance, I took the tissue and held it a few centimeters away from the insect, never coming any closer. I was paralyzed.

Thus, it should come as no surprise when I declare that I don't camp nor would I term myself "outdoorsy."

Yet, when the outcries began last year over a proposed outlet mall to be located next to Turkey Mountain, I thought, why haven't I ever thought about visiting Turkey Mountain?

I soon discovered why. Because this more than 300-acre urban wilderness truly is a wilderness.

Desolate, with only a narrow trail of rocks or dirt leading the way, you def-

initely feel like you are far outside of a city, which is a large part of the appeal for visitors, says Tonja Carrigg, community relations director for River Parks Authority, which manages Turkey Mountain.

"Having this type of activity area is so rare in an urban area. So the community embraces it as an opportunity to experience the great outdoors just a few minutes from home."

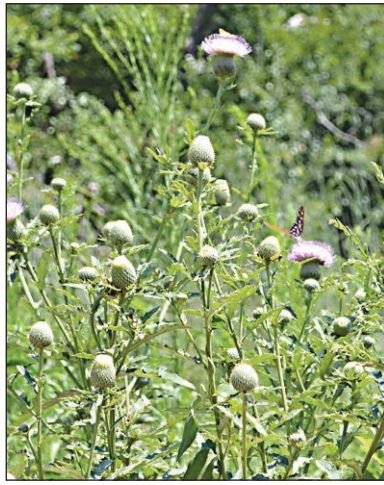
My original concern, when prepping for my Turkey Mountain trek, was getting lost.

When I asked Carrigg that question, she recommended: take a compass, pay attention to the location of the sun and don't get off your trail.

Easy enough, I thought. Turkey Mountain features four marked trails that cater to different skill levels and offer various routes, such as straight through the forest or along the Arkansas River.

However, for the untrained eye or a new visitor to Turkey Mountain, losing track of a trail can happen, especially as the trails narrow in spots and often include large rocks and winding hills.

Fortunately, cell phone signals remain strong throughout the area, and its boundaries of the Arkansas River and main roads remain close by, with the sounds of life never too far away – whether that's the sounds of cars rushing by or of a fellow hiker or cyclist.



**URBAN WILDERNESS:** Since 1978, Tulsa's Turkey Mountain has expanded to 300 acres of wilderness that sit between the Arkansas River and Elwood Avenue between 61st and 71st streets. The area is a favorite destination for families, hikers, cyclists, horseback riders, nature lovers and others. Last year, when plans surfaced for a proposed outlet mall to be located next to Turkey Mountain, community members spoke out tirelessly in opposition of the project.

I chose to take the blue trail largely because, for the first half of the route, it hugs Elwood Avenue, the western edge of Turkey Mountain, before turning into the woods.

Staying on the trail did not prove challenging in the beginning: every 50 feet or so, a tree is marked with the color of your chosen trail and sometimes with an arrow pointing you further along your way, confirming that you have not misstepped.

However, when my trail turned south to head back to my starting point, things began getting confusing for me.

Maybe I was too distracted by the bugs, the low-hanging tree limbs and the small animals crossing my path to pay close enough attention to my designated trail.

Or maybe I was concentrating so much on the beauty of the forest and the trees, the striking spots of red and blue flowers in among the brush

and the general calming feeling that nature often elicits.

After I realized that I had stepped off my blue trail, I just kept heading south – thank you, compass!

Along my way, I passed a hiker who was visiting from Miami, Oklahoma, a jogger, a group of friends and a father-daughter team exploring the insect world.

"People have had their weddings out here; I've seen dads carrying their babies, teenagers, people walking their dogs, people riding horses," says Carrigg, who began mountain biking in Turkey Mountain in the 1980s.

In 2009, a grant from the George Kaiser Family Foundation brought expanded parking, restrooms, climbing boulders and trailhead improvements to the park's main entrance at 68th Street and Elwood Avenue, all of these additions only adding to the popularity of the area. "It's morphed from this unknown,

unvaried space over the years into a very well-used place," says Carrigg.

And if there are ever any further questions of just how beloved the area is, the community's recent outpouring of anger toward the proposed outlet mall erased those doubts.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

# Tom Vanderpool Provides Eye Care to Island Children

By EMILY RAMSEY  
Managing Editor

Eyesight can play a major role in determining a person's success in life.

For the past eight years, Jenks optometrist Dr. Tom Vanderpool has been witnessing that fact firsthand on the Bahamian island of Bimini, where he, along with his wife, Susan, and son, Max, visit yearly to provide free eye exams and eyeglasses to the island's nearly 250 children.

"One girl who we have been treating since she was in first grade was originally thought to have a learning disorder," says Susan. "But the problem was actually her eyesight. Now, she's an honor student."

"Her mom said to us that we literally gave her daughter a chance at life that she wouldn't have otherwise."

Tom's path in providing nonprofit eye care began decades earlier during his time in optometry school. He remembers going to Costa Rica to provide eyeglasses for the local people. "I always said that I would eventually do that somewhere else," he says.

Fifteen years ago, when he was fishing in the Bahamas, he found the place he had been looking for: "During that trip, I decided I would come back and give glasses to the children."

Once Tom had raised the money to make an initial visit, he approached the island's only school.

"The principal of the school sent letters home to parents asking if their children could participate in the free eye exams, and pretty much all of the students brought back the letters the next day, saying yes," he remembers.

Eye care is not available on Bimini, and options to receive care are limited mainly to traveling to the main island of Nassau or to the U.S. for treatment.

In addition, medical care is not routinely available on Bimini but takes place only when a nurse temporarily visits the island.

Needless to say, the Bimini people were quick to embrace the Vanderpools; they refer to Tom as Doc, to Susan as Mrs. Doc and to Max as Lil' Doc.

Max, who has been visiting the island with his parents since he was six months old, has built a friendship with many of the children, entertaining and talking to them while they wait their turn for an exam. "Now he's learned how to run some of the eye instruments," Susan says. "He's our little assistant."

After eight years, the Vanderpools' one-month visits are now highly anticipated events for the Bimini people.

"Each year, when our boat pulls up, you can hear and see the word spread across the island as people realize that we have arrived," says Susan. "The kids come running because they know that help is here."

Just a few months ago, Tom and Susan turned their mission into an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit, called the Vision for Children Charitable Foundation, thanks to the help of a local attorney who donated his services.

Over the years, the Vanderpools have received funding aid from family, friends, doctors and local community members.

Some individuals donate money, and others give of their time or resources.

"We have a lot of amazing people going out of their way to help us because they believe in what we are doing," says Susan.

For example, when the Vanderpools organized their first annual fundraising event last year, community members donated various items for the silent and live auction, such as airplane rides, horseback rides, a fishing excursion, purses and bags, and baked goods. "We tried to make it so that everyone could help," says Susan.

The Vanderpools are hoping for a similar community response this year for the second annual event, to be held Sept. 19 at Whispering Vines Winery, 7374 W. 51st St.

They have already received donations, pro-



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**AN AREA IN NEED:** Jenks optometrist Tom Vanderpool stands with his wife, son and children in Bimini, an island in the Bahamas. The Vanderpools have been visiting the island and providing eye care and eyeglasses to the children there for the past eight years. On Sept. 19, the second-annual fundraiser for their nonprofit organization, Vision for Children Charitable Foundation, will be held at Whispering Vines Winery, 7374 W. 51st St.

viding food and drinks at the event, including a number of bottles of exotic wines.

Regarding last year's inaugural event, the owners of Whispering Vines Winery said that it was one of the largest events they held that year, with a little more than 100 in attendance, says Tom.

The Vanderpools began the fundraiser to cover not only the cost of the glasses but also the cost incurred in traveling the 1,500 miles back and forth to the island.

The Vanderpools spend one month administering eye exams and then return to Oklahoma for two weeks to fill the prescriptions and to make the eyeglasses. They, then, make a second trip back to Bimini in order to deliver the eyeglasses. The second trip is done because of the heavy taxes accrued in shipping the eyeglasses, Tom notes.

Yet, even with their annual efforts, the needs of the islanders remain.

"There are other Bahamian islands that are located a distance from Nassau, and people need help. They have begged us to come, but we have to tell them that we just can't afford it," says Tom.

"We would love to go along all of the islands and find the children who are in need and give them glasses, if we had the funding."

For more information about Vision for Children Charitable Foundation and its second annual charity event, visit [vfccf.com](http://vfccf.com), or call 918-261-4379.

The event will be held Sept. 19, 6-9 p.m., with a silent and live auction and wine pull. Tickets cost \$20, which includes dinner and one complimentary glass of wine.

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EDUCATION

# Holland Hall Recognizes Successful Alumni

The Holland Hall Alumni Association and its board has announced Ken Levit as the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award winner and Micah Fitzerman-Blue as the 2015 Young Alumni Achievement Award winner.

"We are honored to recognize Ken and Micah for our association's most prestigious awards," says Christy Utter, director of alumni relations at Holland Hall. "They perfectly embody everything the awards stand for, and their continued dedication to the communities they serve makes them all the more deserving."

Ken Levit is the executive director of the George Kaiser Foundation. Prior to his role as executive director, Levit served as president of the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Special Counsel to George Tenet, director of the

Central Intelligence Agency, and he practiced corporate law at the firm of Crowe and Dunlevy in Tulsa. He earned his law degree from Yale University in 1994 and his undergraduate degree from Brown University in 1987. The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed on an alumnus/a of Holland Hall. It recognizes an alumna or alumnus who demonstrates exceptional service on a local, state or national level, exhibits a high degree of character and integrity, demonstrates exceptional accomplishment in his or her profession, and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and career(s) have honored the legacy of excellence at Holland Hall.

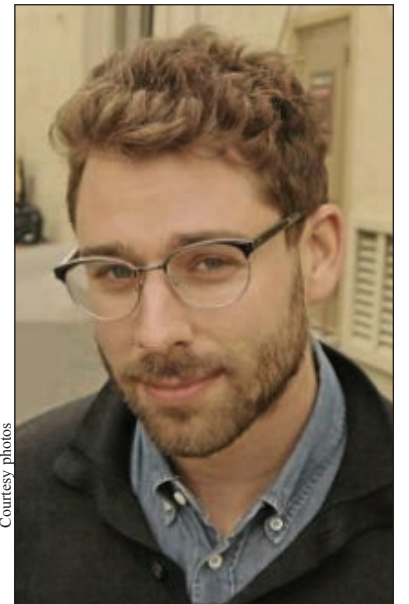
Micah Fitzerman-Blue is a writer and co-producer of "Transparent," which won the 2015 Golden Globe for best comedy. His first feature,

"The Motel Life," stars Dakota Fanning and won best screenplay and the audience award at its premier at the Rome Film Festival. He is the co-founder of Bureau of Trade, a men's lifestyle startup acquired by eBay in 2013. He earned his history and literature degree from Harvard University in 2006. The Young Alumni Achievement Award recognizes the alumnus or alumna from the last 15 years who has made a significant mark on his or her university or community, and who excels in their profession or pursuit of education.

The awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Barnard Commons at Holland Hall. Tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased online at [hollandhall.org/alumniawards15](http://hollandhall.org/alumniawards15), by phone at 918-879-4745 or by email at [cutter@hollandhall.org](mailto:cutter@hollandhall.org).



KEN LEVIT



MICAH FITZERMAN-BLUE

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## Family Donates to OSU-Tulsa

Oklahoma State University-Tulsa recently hosted a dedication for the Scot W. Marshall Interactive Learning Classroom.

Jerry E. and the late John W. Marshall donated \$100,000 to renovate the classroom in memory of their late son, Scot W. Marshall. Scot was a passionate supporter of Oklahoma State University and the OSU Cowboys.

Upgrades to the classroom include two 80-inch display monitors, push-to-talk microphones, videoconferencing equipment, a faculty lectern with an integrated touch control panel, computer system and a document camera.

Scot, who attended OSU and majored in business, passed away in 2012.

The classroom, which is already being utilized, helps facilitate



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**IN MEMORY OF SON:** OSU-Tulsa President Howard Barnett presents a plaque to Jerry Marshall who along with her late husband donated \$100,000 to OSU-Tulsa in memory of their late son.

instruction for students in Tulsa and Stillwater. Professors teach on one campus and connect with stu-

dents at the other. Faculty may record lectures for students to refer back to for reference and studying.



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**CODING CAMP:** In July, 75 middle school students participated in a free Summer Coding Camp put on by the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance (TRSA) through a partnership with Union High School and through sponsorship by Flight Night. The one-week camp was held at Union Collegiate Academy, 6636 S. Mingo Road.



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**FIRST DAY VISITS:** Tulsa Community College President Dr. Leigh Goodson pose with students on Aug. 17 to mark the start of the 2015 fall semester. Goodson visited students in the nursing and early childhood development degree programs, a zoology lab, and an Introduction to Electricity classroom.



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**KISS YOUR MOM GOODBYE:** On Aug. 11, Bishop Kelley seniors continued the "Kiss Your Mom Goodbye" school tradition. On the first day of school, the entire senior class gathers outside to encourage freshmen students to kiss their mom or dad goodbye before they begin their first day of school.

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**CHASE ANTONACCI**

At the State Science Fair, Chase Antonacci (Class of 2015) won "Best Project" and First Place in Biochemical/Medical and Health. He also won the Scholarship Award and the US Surgeon General's Health Science Award, and was chosen the Oklahoma delegate to the International Science and Engineering Fair. Chase conducted research over the summer through The University of Tulsa TURC program and is currently focusing on Pre-Med at Washington University in St. Louis.

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# Instructor Elected to National Organization Board

## Tulsa Tech's Karin Davis to Represent Occupational Family and Consumer Sciences Programs

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers and communities by addressing important personal, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Today, 200,000 members in more than 5,500 chapters are active in a network of associations in 50 states, including the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Chapter projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including parenting, family relationships, environment, nutrition and career exploration.

This summer at the FCCLA National Leadership meeting, Karin Davis, Tulsa Tech's apparel design instructor, was elected to represent the Occupational Family and Consumer Sciences programs on the National Board of Directors. Davis is excited about the opportunity to serve as a national officer,

along with the opportunities, which are available to everyone who participates in FCCLA. Davis remembers the impact it made on her life when she first discovered the organization.

"I graduated from Chissolm High school near Enid," she says. "That's where I discovered my love of what was then known as Future Homemakers of America. In 1999, the organization changed its name to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America."

The mission of FCCLA is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education. The student organization focuses on the multiple roles of being a family member, wage earner and community leader. Members develop skills for life through character development, interpersonal communication, both creative and critical thinking, in addition to career preparation.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of being an instructor is teaching my students these important life skills," Davis explains. "Students will use these valuable skills for the rest of their lives, in any career path, and FCCLA provides an opportunity for students to learn and practice these skills."

The Oklahoma native recognizes there are challenges facing the organization, including recruiting new students, but feels that the students who do participate benefit and continue to be the best ambassadors for the program.

"Students have so many distractions these days," Davis says. "These skills, which are so important to family and community, often get overlooked. But once students become involved in a community service project and begin to realize how helping others is really also helping themselves, they begin to develop an understanding of FCCLA's mission and goal."

Keeping up with her responsibilities as a full-time instructor, coordinating numerous community service projects, and serving on the FCCLA's National Board of Directors will certainly mean some long days ahead for Davis, but she's thankful for the opportunity, she says, and seems to welcome the challenges with a smile.

"FCCLA is one of the best things that has ever happened to me," Davis continues. "It changed my life, and that's the message I hope to share with other members, past, present and future."

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### News from Tulsa Tech



By DR. STEVE TIGER  
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TEACHING LIFE SKILLS: Tulsa Tech's apparel design instructor Karin Davis was recently elected to the national board of directors of the student organization, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

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## LOCAL NEWS

## TPS Starts School Year with A Teacher in Every Classroom

When Tulsa Public Schools opened for the 2015-16 school year on Aug. 20, a certified teacher was waiting in every classroom.

Given the severe teacher shortage in Oklahoma, TPS took extreme measures to ensure that every child has a certified teacher in each classroom.

"I made a commitment to the Tulsa Public Schools board that we would start the first day of school with a teacher in every classroom," says School Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gist. "Teachers change the world every single day and that starts on day one. Hiring has been our number one priority this summer, and Team TPS worked diligently to recruit, hire and place great educators to serve our students and families."

In recent years, it has grown increasingly difficult for Oklahoma districts to find enough certified teachers to fill available positions. The state has added 40,000 more public school students than in 2010, yet had 1,000 fewer teachers in Oklahoma last year. In 2014-15, TPS started the year with more than 80 teacher vacancies. The district currently has about 2,900 certified teaching positions.

"While we have taken measures to launch the year fully staffed, I don't want our community to lose sight of the challenge we face," says Gist. "The future of Tulsa and our state is intricately connected to the quality of education we provide to each child. Talented teachers always have been and will continue to be at the heart of great schools. Decisive action must be taken to



**COMMUNITY WELCOME:** Tulsa Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gist stands with Melissa Abdo, left, Stand for Children Tulsa city director; Paige Whalen, program manager for Tulsa Area Community Schools Initiative Resource Center; and Randee Charney, right, research associate with the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, during a welcome reception held for Gist on her first day as superintendent on July 1.

elevate the teaching profession, compensate our teachers fairly and reduce churn in our schools."

According to Talia Shaull, chief human capital officer, the district has had difficulty finding enough teachers to fill vacancies for a number of reasons. "There are a larger number of School of Education graduates in Oklahoma, and teacher salaries are not as competitive as they could be compared with those of surrounding states. It is always a challenge filling certified positions in math, science, foreign language/ELL and special education, but we developed some new processes to help TPS break through the barrier."

Improvements were made to the teacher hiring process this year to ensure schools have access to larger, more talented applicant pools for every vacancy. The changes include filling positions as early in the summer as possible; using an online application system that resulted in faster, more efficient processing of teacher applicants; working with school principals to create better projections of open positions earlier in the year; extending early offers to qualified candidates and not waiting for a teacher vacancy to begin engaging in the hiring process; and using social media to leverage the district's recruitment efforts.

## REASOR'S OPENS ON BROOKSIDE



**THE WAIT IS OVER:** On Aug. 5, Reasor's Brookside location, 3915 S. Peoria Ave., opened. The grocery store features the Cookhouse Restaurant, with made-from-scratch, chef-inspired meals, sides and soups; sustainable, organic and local produce; bulk items; a florist; a deli with ready-to-eat items, a fresh salad and olive bar; and sushi; a cheese kiosk with more than 300 cheeses; a bakery with cakes, desserts and freshly baked breads; and more than 250 gluten-free and organic dairy and frozen items along with Made in Oklahoma (MIO) offerings.

## Girl Scouts Merge Modern with Traditional

By EMILY RAMSEY  
Managing Editor

Archery, horseback riding, canoeing, rock climbing. After learning about everything that the Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma offers, it's hard not to want to rewind the years and join the century-old organization.

Although, Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma COO Camille Koster is eager to point out that "this is not your grandmother's Girl Scouts."

Not that there's anything wrong with that, she continues, except that times are changing, and the Girl Scouts, like any other organization, needs to keep up with the times.

The organization is, in fact, doing that through local and national programming that appeals to female adolescents.

"We are always looking at what's popular in other places, especially on the east and west coasts, and then aiming to be the first organization to offer it locally," says Director of Programs Paige Tooman. "And, first and foremost, we are always looking at how we can better fit girls' needs and determining their wants and desires."

That strategy appears to be working, as, over the past three years, the local Girl Scouts branch has experienced a 27 percent increase in the amount of attendees of its resident camps.

Girls can attend resident camps, sleeping overnight from two nights up to three weeks.

Camps are divided into various themes, which girls can choose from depending on their interests, categories such as water activities, arts and crafts, outdoor activities, and science.

Of course, the traditional Girl Scout activities remain preserved, notes Koster, such as cooking outdoors on a campfire, learning to build a fire, canoeing, general water safety skills and daily chores such as cleaning their cabins or serving food.

"We want to keep the longtime traditions but also incorporate new things from today as we see various technological advances," says Tooman.

One example of this was a recent camp activity that incorporated Pinterest. "The activity teaches skill building and team work, things that they will use for the rest of their lives," Tooman continues.

"Overall, our camps are about learning responsibility," says Koster. "And singing really loud songs after you eat," adds Tooman, laughing. Tooman grew up as a Girl Scout.

All girls aged 5 to 18 can join Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma. Sign-ups can take place at any time during the year, with a number of troops for girls to choose from.

Sometimes a girl may join in order to be in the same troop with a friend, or we may need to help them locate the right troop for them, says Koster.

New this year is an online feature for parents in finding the right troop for their child. "Prior to this year, parents had to wait for administrators to help place their child with Girl Scouts," says Koster. "It could take us three to four weeks to do that. Now, it takes 10 to 15 minutes."

Oftentimes, troops are made up of similar-aged girls who all may attend the same school or church or have a similar interest, such as traveling or running. However, troops



**COOKING WITH REMMI:** Local Girl Scouts pose with young cook Remmi Smith, who has already made a national name in the culinary world, during a recent Girl Scouts activity called Cooking with Remmi.

that combine girls of all ages are also available.

Programs and activities that troops can get involved with cover everything from STEM and arts and crafts to robotics, which has seen a tremendous uptick in popularity, increasing from three teams three years ago to almost 20 this year, says Tooman.

For the past two years, the Girl Scouts have sent a troop to the annual White House Science Fair.

Another area of need that Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma is impacting is childhood obesity rates.

Three years ago, it began the Live Healthy Lead Healthy initiative, encouraging fitness and nutrition by

holding special events and integrating the initiative into its local programming.

The Thin Mint Sprint was started in October 2014. Only Girl Scouts participated in the inaugural event, but due to community interest, this year's run will be open to the public. It will be held at Bixby's Bentley Park Sports Complex on Oct. 3.

After crossing the finish line, runners receive a box of Girl Scouts Thin Mints.

"The goal is to get girls healthy and then their families and then their communities," says Tooman.

Just since the first run, the organization has heard encouraging fitness stories from participants, including from one of its Girl Scouts volun-

teers in Broken Arrow who took up running after participating in the Thin Mint Sprint. Recently, she competed in the Oklahoma City half marathon and plans to compete in the Tulsa Run, says Tooman. In addition, a Girl Scouts Running Troop was formed after the event.

Yet, no matter what programs and activities girls choose to get involved in within the organization, the Girl Scouts' aim remains the same.

"The goal of all of our programs is to build girls' confidence, courage, self-esteem and confidence to try new things," Tooman says.

For more information about becoming a Girl Scout, visit gseok.org.



SPORTS

# TPS Athletic Director Gil Cloud Looks Ahead

By SARAH DEWBERRY  
Sports Writer

For Tulsa Public Schools Athletic Director Gil Cloud, there is a lot to look forward to this upcoming athletic season.

“What I am looking forward to this upcoming season is that we are always looking for improvement in the programs that we offer for our students and our patrons,” Cloud says. “Our patrons have given us the opportunity to have some of the nicest facilities in the state and we want our students, parents, faculty and staff to enjoy a good caliber of high school athletics.”

As each of the nine TPS high schools gear up for fall athletics, Cloud said there is one goal in mind.

“Our ultimate goal for our student athletes is to provide a great experience and a quality education.”

Each school has a lot to look forward to this upcoming athletic season. For East Central, they are coming off a win in the Tournament of Champions (girls basketball), Tulsa Memorial won back-to-back state championships in boys basketball in 2013 and ‘14, while also winning the Tournament of Champions in 2014, and Central was crowned the Class 4A state champion in boys basketball in 2015.

With nine high schools, each school will be focusing on the same sports. Six of them play fast-pitch softball in the fall.

“Hale, Rogers, Edison, Memorial, Booker T. Washington and Webster all play fast-pitch softball in the fall,” Cloud said.



Midtown Monitor photo

**TPS GRADUATES AT TU:** Four Tulsa Public Schools graduates are predicted to make a positive impact with this year’s University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane. From left are Nigel Carter, 6’3” 205-pound sophomore wide receiver from McLain; Bishop Louis, 5’10”, 170-pound sophomore wide receiver from McLain; Garrett Stafford, 6’5” 300-pound senior offensive guard from Memorial; and Derrick Alexander, 6’2” 284-pound senior linebacker from Booker T. Washington.

“East Central, Central and McLain do not play softball.”

As one of the biggest school districts in the state, there is a lot that fans can look forward to.

“They can look forward to exciting teams that will represent our city and Oklahoma in a positive manner,” Cloud said. “The facilities are in place and our staff has worked very hard to assist our student athletes achieve their academic and athletics goals.”

For Cloud, all of the sports programs are on the rise, with the coaching staff improving. He is ready to get the show on the road.

“We have a group of head coaches in all sports that really care about what kind of role they are presenting and our student athletes have responded,” Cloud says.

Along with new athletic seasons usually comes new faces spotted

on the sidelines. Several TPS schools are set to have a new football coach and basketball coach.

“East Central recently added a new head football coach,” Cloud says. “Cameron Bennett comes to East Central after being the head coach at Perry High School. At Nathan Hale, Scott Chronister comes to Hale after serving as the defensive coordinator at Sapulpa High School, and at Webster, we

hired Rodrick Hall to be the next head girls basketball coach. Hall had previously coached in TPS and brings a wealth of basketball knowledge through his involvement with youth basketball in Tulsa.”

As TPS gears up for their upcoming seasons, be on the lookout as these powerhouse schools plan to give their opponents major headaches on the field.



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**SPORTS**

# Appearance of Tennis Greats in Tulsa Remembered

## 1985 Event Drew Boris Becker, Kevin Curren, Gerulaitis and Vilas

By **TERRELL LESTER**  
Editor at Large

*Editor's Note: Terrell Lester enjoyed an award-winning career as a sports writer and columnist for the Tulsa World. This article is his remembrance of the Tulsa Challenge tennis event in 1985.*

It was stretching on into the afternoon, a comfortable Sunday afternoon in July 1985. I had watched on television earlier in the day as Wimbledon crowned its youngest champion ever, 17-year-old Boris Becker.

Quite a show. Becker was athletic. Good looking. Fearless. And 17. He had summoned all his uncommon skills and unmatched power to take down Kevin Curren, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, becoming the first unseeded player to win the most famous tennis tournament in the world.

Hours after the television coverage had ended, and I was still recalling the scrambling, diving exploits of the sandy-haired Becker, the telephone in my den rang.

It was an acquaintance, Stan Reilly, calling from London.

Through my wife, Glenda, and her employer, Tribune/Swab-Fox Companies, I had been introduced to Reilly. He was an easy-to-like, globe-trotting, fun-loving, tennis-talking entrepreneur.

As president of International Sports Marketing, he had entered into a business relationship with Tribune/Swab-Fox, parent company of The Tulsa Tribune.

Reilly had connections many of us could only fantasize about. His passport read like a world atlas.

He telephoned my home that Sunday afternoon 30 years ago with an even more excitable than usual tone in his voice.

"What would you think about bringing Boris Becker to Tulsa," he said, in a half-shout.

Reilly had just been in conversation with Becker's famous manager, Ion Tiriac.

Through a series of quick-hitting questions, Reilly wanted to know from me what types of venues might be available in Tulsa to stage an exhibition featuring the newly minted Wimbledon champion.

Reilly was ecstatic. He had an agreement with the hottest property in tennis. And he had a business partner in a respected Tulsa media firm.

We talked about venues. The Mabee Center was mentioned. Not workable, Reilly said. No alcohol was permitted.

The Fairgrounds Pavilion? Not suitable, he said. Not exactly the right fit for the tennis fan base. Besides, seating was limited. This was, after all, Boris Becker.

Tennis facilities in Tulsa were incapable of accommodating large crowds.

Eventually, Reilly settled on the downtown Convention Center. The dates, Sept. 17-18, would fall just nine weeks following Wimbledon.

While Reilly pulled off a major sports coup by landing Becker, he took it yet another step by pulling in Curren.



**TULSA CHALLENGE POSTER:** The autographed poster from the Tulsa Challenge is displayed proudly in the home of writer Terrell Lester.

Throughout August, during which Becker competed in the U.S. Open, the blueprint for Reilly's Tulsa Challenge '85 was worked and reworked. The player lineup underwent a change or two. But Becker was firm. Tiriac was firm.

When the spectacle, billed as "an international tennis event," finally arrived, on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1985, the \$35,000 purse had attracted a quartet of tennis headliners: Becker, Curren, Vitas Gerulaitis and Guillermo Vilas.

And Tiriac. He was the dark, fearsome, mustachioed presence always lurking an arm's length from Becker.

He was a legend before Becker was born. A native of Transylvania, he carried the nickname "Count Dracula."

I was awestruck. Starstruck. Before the matches began that first day, Tiriac conducted a youth clinic.

I was captivated. I volunteered to drive him to his hotel, to a couple of engagements.

In private, he was not as fearsome as he was perceived.

We chatted. We laughed. Well, I laughed. He stared. That same stare he would level at Bob Uecker two years later in a Miller Lite television commercial.

Still, I thought that we had become comfortable enough that I asked for his autograph.

Certainly, as a newspaperman, such requests were unprofessional. But, this was, for heaven's sake, Ion Tiriac. One-time Olympic hockey player. French Open tennis winner (in doubles with Ilie Nastase). Manager and coach to the stars.

He obliged my wide-eyed request. Maybe not with a smile. But, at least, without a glare.

Larry Egge of Tulsa made a similar request. A request he seldom made.

Egge was a trainer for the event, as a member of Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center. It is never good form, Egge said, to seek autographs from those who might be perceived as "clients."

Still, as I had advanced earlier, Egge broke through Tiriac's stone-like exterior.

"My first impression of Ion Tiriac was, in a word, intimidating," Egge said recently.

"That mustache. Those dark eyes. That stare. Yet, after a while, I found him to be very nice," Egge said, adding that the event program featuring Tiriac's signature, continues to be a prized possession. As are those memories of two days in September, 30 years ago.

The event attracted, according to published reports, 63 working journalists to a press conference at the Westin Hotel/Williams Center on that Tuesday.

The Wichita Eagle-Beacon, with two representatives on hand, quoted me concerning

the hoopla surrounding the arrival of Becker.

"I think this is probably the biggest thing we've ever had around here," I told columnist Bob Getz. "I'm just guessing, but I don't think we've ever had this kind of media interest even for University of Tulsa football or basketball games."

I might have exaggerated a bit. But despite the media build-up, the crowds did not come out.

The Tuesday night attendance was reported at 1,600. Tickets ranged from \$12.50 to \$30. Reilly admitted that the prices might have been a bit high.

The Wednesday night attendance was said to be 4,500.

Becker defeated Gerulaitis, 6-3, 6-2, on Tuesday, and Curren took down Vilas, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Curren sprained an ankle in that match and his appearance against Becker was in doubt until right up to match time.

Overnight, tournament officials had Curren's doubles partner Steve Denton flown into Tulsa to be available should Curren fail to start.

Denton was not needed, although Curren was concerned about taking the court.

"Obviously, playing on it was not the best thing to do," Curren told The Tribune at the time. "But I felt an obligation to the people who came out to see us play."

And they saw first-tier tennis.

The finals proved almost as riveting as the Wimbledon finals two months before. Becker beat Curren, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

Vilas tripped Gerulaitis, 7-6, 1-6, 6-3, in the third-place match.

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# TU Athletic Hall of Fame to Add Four

*Hall of Fame Weekend is October 2-3*

Basketball stars Michael Ruffin and Jillian Robbins, 1991 Freedom Bowl quarterback T.J. Rubley and legendary football coach "Gloomy Gus" Henderson were announced recently as The University of Tulsa's Athletic Hall of Fame Class for 2015.

The Hall of Fame Weekend is set for Oct. 2-3, as the induction ceremony will take place on Friday night, Oct. 2, at the Lorton Performance Center on the TU campus. The inductees will also be recognized at halftime of the Tulsa-Houston football game on Saturday, Oct. 3.

"Gloomy Gus" Henderson still ranks as the Tulsa football coach with the most victories in school history. He had an 11-year record of 70-25-5 with 10 straight winning seasons from 1925 to 1935. Henderson led his teams to five conference titles, including one in the Oklahoma Collegiate Conference, three in the Big 4 Conference and one in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The 1991 Tulsa football team put together the school's first 10-win season in 10 years, as quarterback T.J. Rubley (1987-91) led that Hurricane team to a 10-2 record and a victory in the 1991 Freedom Bowl over the Marshall Faulk-led San Diego State Aztecs.

A four-year starter, Rubley completed his career with seven



"GLOOMY GUS" HENDERSON



JILLIAN ROBBINS



MICHAEL RUFFIN



T.J. RUBLEY

school records, while becoming the school's all-time passing and total offense leader until the mark was eclipsed in 2007. He threw for 9,324 yards, 73 TDs and a .510 completion percentage in his career. In his first game as a true freshman in 1987, Rubley completed 27-of-36 passes for 386 yards, a mark that remained his career best.

Michael Ruffin (1995-99) led Tulsa to three NCAA Tournament appearances, while becoming the school's all-time rebounding (1,211) and blocked shots (266) leader. Ruffin was a three-time all-Western Athletic Conference defensive team selection, and

earned first-team all-WAC honors in 1997-98 and second-team all-WAC in 1998-99. He was the WAC's leading rebounder in 1989-99 with a 10.4 average and ranked eighth nationally.

A three-time all-WAC Academic selection, Ruffin earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America accolades in 1999 and was a recipient of the NCAA Top VIII award in January 2000.

Ruffin played in the NBA for more than 10 years.

The first-ever women's basketball Hall of Fame inductee is Jillian Robbins (2003-07), who became the school's leader for

points (2,108), field goals made (747), free throws made (602), rebounds (1,313), blocked shots (251) and double-doubles (66). Robbins led Tulsa to the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance and victory in 2006.

Robbins was the Western Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year in 2003-04, while grabbing first-team all-WAC honors and all-defensive team honors twice. She was the 2005-06 Conference USA Player of the Year, while leading Tulsa to C-USA regular season and tournament titles that season. Robbins was also named the C-USA Defensive Player of the Year and

first-team all-league selection in both 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Robbins was a two-time (2005-06 and 2006-07) Kodak/WBCA and Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America selection.

The University of Tulsa Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Reception and Induction Ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at the Lorton Performance Center. Tickets for the Hall of Fame reception are \$35 per person. Reservations only accepted and must be made by calling the Golden Hurricane Club office at 918-631-2342. The deadline to make reservations is Friday, Sept. 18.

# Becker Defeated Curren for Tulsa Championship

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A pair of three-set matches in an exhibition is virtually unheard of.

As Egge commented in a recent conversation, "One thing you don't realize about tennis players of that caliber, if you're not sitting close by, is how hard they hit the ball."

"It's BOOM! I don't know how you could see the serves, much less return one," he said.

Due to a cocktail reception, the Wednesday schedule began almost an hour later than the scheduled 7 p.m. start time. The finals match did not end until 12:30 a.m. Thursday.

First National Bank and Trust hosted the get-together in its Top O' The First club. The quartet of players signed the original oil of their likenesses, created by Tulsa artist David Hicks.

Numbered lithographs, also signed and measuring 15-inches-

by-25 inches, were sold. I received No. 82 of 180.

It is on the short list of my most coveted pieces of sports memorabilia.

Much of that feeling is based on the two-day presence of Becker.

Here he was, at the age of 17, on top of the tennis world.

"All his life changed drastically," Tiriatic said at the time. "I just hope he can still be a kid."

Becker displayed a shy demeanor. His boyish good looks reminded not of a West German athlete but of a Mississippi River Tom Sawyer.

He was patient with the media. He was polite. He was downright parsimonious with his words. He was, it was quite apparent, a student of Ion Tiriatic. Minus the fearsome façade. Words were at a premium.

One of the most apt descriptions of Boris Becker came during that

decade from the French tennis player Henri Leconte.

"He just hit ball, make winner, win, say thank you and go bye-bye."

Becker arrived in Tulsa, hit the ball, collected his \$15,000 first-place check and left.

No one recalls him even offering "bye-bye." But a few thousand recall his stay in Tulsa two months after winning what proved to be the first of three Wimbledon championships.

### In Later Years

Becker won Wimbledon in 1985, 1986 and 1989. He completed the tennis Grand Slam, winning nine major singles championships overall.

Now 47, Becker is the coach of two-time, reigning Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic. ...

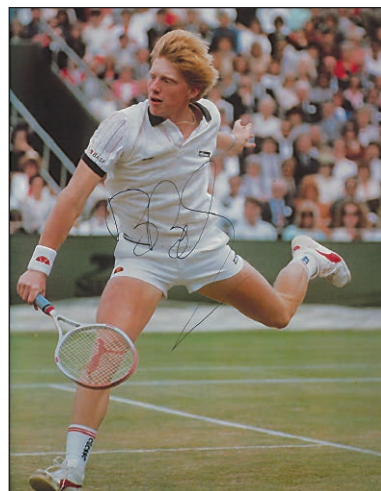
Tiriatic, now 76, was inducted into

the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2013. Three years before that, he was listed as the richest man in Romania, with a wealth estimated at \$2.2 billion, U.S. ...

Gerulaitis, who had years earlier appeared at Tulsa Tennis Club as a teenager, died in 1994 at the age of 40. Once the No. 3-ranked player in the world, he had a penchant for the nightlife, a regular at famed Studio 54 in New York City. As an actor, he had a few movie roles. ...

Vilas also was a Tiriatic protégé. A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1991. The now-63-year-old Vilas won four Grand Slam titles, including the 1977 U.S. Open. He was the second-most popular, certainly the most charismatic, player in Tulsa Challenge '85. ...

Curren, a native of South Africa, became a U.S. citizen in April 1985,



BORRIS BECKER

the same year he played in Tulsa. It was widely held that Curren and Becker had two of the most powerful serves among the pros of the 1980s.

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	Summit	Porter
Sep. 3	OSU	Central Michigan
	Pittsburg State	NSU
	Texas Institute of A&T	NEO
	Seaworth	Webster
	Sand Springs	Hale
	OC Legion	Rogers
Sep. 4	Memorial	Central
	Bartlesville	East Central
	Midwest City	BTW
	McLain	Mannford
	Bishop Kelley	Edison
	Southlake Carroll (TX)	Union
	Jenks	Bixby
	Broken Arrow	Owasso
	Cascia Hall	Holland Hall
	Metro	NOAH
	Victory	Kansas
	Warner	Summit
Sep. 5	Florida Atlantic	TU
	UTEP	Arkansas
	Akron	OU
	Lincoln	Davis
Sep. 10	NSU	Fort Hays State
Sep. 11	East Central	Bixby
	BTW	Central
	Hale	Sapulpa
	Webster	Rogers
	McLain	NOAH
	Memorial	Edison
	Jenks	Union
	Broken Arrow	Coppell
	Muskogee	Owasso
	Cascia Hall	Bartlesville
	Holland Hall	Lincoln
	Metro	Oklahoma Christian
	Victory	Lighthouse Christian
	Liberty	Summit
Sep. 12	Toledo	Arkansas
	OU	Tennessee
	TU	New Mexico
	NEO	Blinn College
Sep. 18	Hale	Edison
	Central	NW Classen
	Webster	OC Capitol Hill
	East Central	BTW
	Rogers	Woodward
	Hilldale	McLain
	Memorial	Noah
	Union	Broken Arrow
	Owasso	Jenks
	Bixby	Springdale (AR)
	Millwood	Cascia Hall
	Oakridge	Holland Hall
	Claremore Sequoia	Metro
	Shiloh Christian	Victory
	Oklahoma Christian	Lincoln
	Summit	Community Christian
Sep. 19	TU	OU

DATE	VISITOR	HOME
Sep. 19	Texas Tech	Arkansas
	Texas San Antonio	OSU
	Missouri Western	NSU
	Tyler Junior College	NEO
Sep. 25	Memorial	Kelley
	Broken Bow	Central
	Webster	Dewey
	Tahlequah	East Central
	BTW	Ponca City
	Morris	Rogers
	Catoosa	McLain
	Edison	Pryor
	Hale	Skiatook
	Putnam City North	Union
	Jenks	Putnam City
	Broken Arrow	Yukon
	Norman North	Owasso
	Bixby	Claremore
	Cascia Hall	Miami
	Holland Hall	Trinity Valley
	Stilwell	Metro
	Victory	Okmulgee
	Lincoln	Verdigris
	Ketchum	Summit
Sep. 26	OSU	Texas
	Texas A&M	Arkansas
	Arkansas Baptist	NEO
	NSU	Emporia State
Oct. 1	OC Capitol Hill	Edison
	Sapulpa	BTW
	Owasso	Southmore
Oct. 2	Kelleyville	Webster
	Central	Sallisaw
	East Central	Coweta
	Roland	Rogers
	Vinita	McLain
	Durant	Memorial
	Noble	Hale
	Union	Norman North
	Norman	Jenks
	Putnam City	Broken Arrow
	Bartlesville	Bixby
	Cascia Hall	Wagoner
	Greenhill	Holland Hall
	Poteau	Metro
	Checotah	Victory
	Lincoln	Sperry
	Summit	Fairland
Oct. 3	Arkansas	Tennessee
	West Virginia	OU
	Kansas State	OSU
	Houston	TU
	NW Missouri State	NSU
	NEO	Kilgore College
Oct. 8	Broken Arrow	Norman
	Owasso	Moore
	BTW	Claremore
Oct. 9	Edison	East Central
	Ft. Gibson	Central
	Webster	Lincoln
	McLain	Cleveland

DATE	VISITOR	HOME
Oct. 9	Rogers	Checotah
	Memorial	Noble
	Hale	Durant
	Southmore	Union
	Jenks	Westmore
	Bixby	Ponca City
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	Holland Hall	Ft. Worth Coutry Day
	Metro	Muldrow
	Victory	Beggs
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	OU	Texas
	Louisiana Monroe	TU
	OSU	West Virginia
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Oct. 15	Central	Muldrow
	Berryhill	Webster
	East Central	Grove
	Beggs	Rogers
	McLain	Wagoner
	Skiatook	Memorial
	Kelley	Hale
	Union	Owasso
	Edmond Santa Fe	Jenks
	Westmore	Broken Arrow
	Sapulpa	Bixby
	Vinita	Cascia Hall
	Fort Gibson	Metro
	Hilldale	Victory
	Dewey	Lincoln
	Summit	Foil
Oct. 16	Bartlesville	BTW
	Collinsville	Edison
	St. Mark's	Holland Hall
Oct. 17	TU	East Carolina
	OU	Kansas State
	Missouri Southern	NSU
	Cisco College	NEO
Oct. 23	Memphis	TU
	Rogers	Victory
	Stilwell	Central
	Webster	Verdigris
	East Central	Pryor
	BTW	Bixby
	Miami	McLain
	Tahlequah	Edison
	Shawnee	Memorial
	Hale	McAlester
	Union	Moore
	Broken Arrow	Jenks
	Owasso	Mustang
	Cascia Hall	Catoosa
	Holland Hall	All Saints
	Lincoln	Kelleyville
	Hominy	Summit
Oct. 24	Texas Tech	OU
	Kansas	OSU
	Auburn	Arkansas
	NEO	Trinity Valley

DATE	VISITOR	HOME
Oct. 24	NSU	Central Missouri
Oct. 29	Okmulgee	Rogers
Oct. 30	Memorial	Hale
	Central	Metro
	Sperry	Webster
	Sand Springs	BTW
	McLain	Cascia Hall
	Edison	Coweta
	Mustang	Union
	Jenks	Edmond Memorial
	Edmond Santa Fe	Broken Arrow
	Edmond North	Owasso
	Bixby	Muskogee
	McLain	Cascia Hall
	Victory	Morris
	Lincoln	Tahlequah Sequoia
	Rejoice	Summit
Oct. 31	TU	SMU
	Tennessee-Martin	Arkansas
	OU	Kansas
	OSU	Texas Tech
	Central Oklahoma	NSU
Nov. 5	Collinsville	East Central
Nov. 6	Poteau	Central
	Webster	Westville
	BTW	Muskogee
	Rogers	Hilldale
	Oologah	McLain
	Edison	Grove
	Memorial	McAlester
	Shawnee	Hale
	Union	Edmond North
	Yukon	Jenks
	Edmond Memorial	Broken Arrow
	Owasso	Putnam City North
	Bixby	Sand Springs
	Cascia Hall	Cleveland
	Metro	Salisaw
	Victory	Stigler
	Berryhill	Lincoln
	Summit	Quapaw
Nov. 7	Central Florida	TU
	Iowa State	OU
	TCU	OSU
	Arkansas	Ole Miss
	Washburn	NSU
Nov. 14	TU	Cincinnati
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**CASCIA HALL AND HOLLAND HALL AT TU:** Tulsa private schools Holland Hall and Cascia Hall are represented on the Hurricane football team. From left are Conner Sherwood, a 6-3, 232 pound junior linebacker from Cascia Hall, Billy LaFortune, a 6-foot, 283-pound senior offensive center from Holland Hall and Ronan Rogers, a 6-foot, 219-pound junior linebacker, also from Holland Hall.



**HURRICANE QUARTERBACKS:** Tulsa is loaded with talent at the quarterback position this year. From left are junior Dane Evans, 6-1, from Sanger, Texas; senior Josh Calcagni, 6-1, from Springdale, Arkansas; freshman Chad President, 6-3, from Temple, Texas; and sophomore Ryan Rubley, 6-3, from Highland Ranch, Colorado.



**OSU CARAVAN:** The OSU Cowboy Caravan came to OSU-Tulsa Aug. 6. The event started in the afternoon with Pistol Pete and an OSU Spirit Squad pep rally. An indoor program was held later featuring coaches Mike Gundy and Josh Holliday. Above, Larry Reece interviews Coach Gundy in the OSU-Tulsa auditorium about Cowboy prospects for this season.



**OUTDOOR TARGET ARCHERY:** Tulsa Archers Club and the Junior Olympic Archery Club (JOAD) hosted the Oklahoma JOAD Outdoor State Archery Championships Aug. 15 in Tulsa at the Tulsa Athletics Soccer Stadium at the Tulsa Fairgrounds. JOAD is a program of USA Archery that teaches archery to young people, provides great opportunities for awarding achievement, and helps archers to enjoy the sport recreationally or progress to the excitement of competition.

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Three founding members of the International Society of the Energy Advocates were honored by representatives from the Energy Advocates of Washington, D.C., and Tulsa and the University of Tulsa's School of Energy Economics, Policy and Commerce.

Honored were Frederick Dorwart, Robert Parker, Sr., and Robert Thomas at The Energy Advocates Legacy Luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Tulsa Aug. 13. Lunch presentations were made by Mayor of the City of Tulsa Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr. and Chairman of the GTD Group Mark A. Stansberry.

Since 1974, The Energy Advocates have been committed to sharing the truth on energy issues. The issues that face the energy industry are economic, environmental and involve matters of national security. The goal of the organization is to raise public awareness and change the public's perception of the importance of the industry.

About the Founders:

Frederic Dorwart has practiced law since 1966. He has experience in both litigation and transactional law, principally oil and gas, securities, and banking law. He currently focuses his practice on structural commercial transactions, advising clients on the legal aspects of business matters, and coordinating teams of attorneys handling complex litigation. Before forming Frederic Dorwart Lawyers in 1994, Dorwart was the managing partner of Holliman, Langholz, Runnels & Dorwart. Dorwart was from 1969 to 1989 a stockholder, director and officer of various manufacturing concerns. He was a principal draftsman of the 1995 Oklahoma Tort Reform Act.

Dorwart currently serves as president and trustee of the George Kaiser Family Foundation, trustee and chairman of the investment Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tulsa; and president of the Advisory Board of the University of Tulsa Undergraduate Research Program; He is Organizer of Tulsa Stadium Trust Improvement District and General Counsel to Tulsa Stadium Trust (2008).

He received his L.L.B., Cum Laude, from Harvard Law School in 1966. He received a B.S. in Engineering with Distinction in 1959 from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Robert L Parker, Sr., is an Oklahoma native and graduated from Culver Military Academy and the University of Texas with a degree in petroleum engineering.

He was the World Open Skeet Champion at the age of 15 and is a member of the National Skeet shooting Hall of Fame. He became chairman and CEO of Parker Drilling Company in 1954 when he matched the highest of five bids for his father's company. He gained international recognition in the mid-1960s for his development of the "heli-hoist rig," in which the rig is broken down into parts and transported by helicopter to a drilling site and then reassembled.

He took the company public in 1969 and became an unofficial advisor to the Secretary of Energy. He served as president of Parker Drilling from 1954 to 1991 and served as chief executive officer from 1977 to December 1991. In 1981, he was the director of a commission to evaluate the U.S. Department of Energy and energy regulation.



ENERGY LEADERS: Present at the Energy Advocates Legacy Luncheon are, standing from left, Founding Member Robert Parker, Sr., Chairman of the GTD Group Mark A. Stansberry, Mayor of the City of Tulsa Dewey F. Bartlett, Founding Member Frederick Dorwart, and Director of the School of Energy Economics, Policy and Commerce at the University of Tulsa Tim Coburn. Sitting is Founding Member Robert Thomas.

Parker also has served as chairman of the board of Saint Francis Hospital and Telecommunication Systems, Inc. and served as a director of many organizations including Bank of Oklahoma, Clayton Williams Energy and the National Petroleum Council. He was named Outstanding Oil Man of the Year in 1982 and was elected to the University of Tulsa Hall of Fame in 1971.

Robert Thomas, Legendary MAPCO CEO, celebrated his 100th birthday last year. He served as founder and CEO of MAPCO, chairman emeritus of the Tulsa Red Cross, chairman of the Tulsa

Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the executive committee for the M-K-T Railroad Co., campaign chairman of the Tulsa United Way, vice president of Pennroad Corp. He is a 1936 graduate of Wharton School of Finance and Economics of the University of Pennsylvania.

As an article published last year in the Tulsa World honoring his 100th birthday stated, "Robert Thomas' career achievements are rare in themselves. He has made millions, hired thousands and started a one-time Tulsa company that exists in different names and pieces even today. The tough businessman still

has a flinty sharp sense of humor entering his 11th decade. He can recall relationships with a who's who of Tulsa business history and even include a few national figures such as late presidents Lyndon Baines Johnson and Harry Truman among his acquaintances.

"He guided MAPCO from a pipeline startup to 7,000 employees before retiring in 1984 at the age of 70. Locally, he may be even better known for guiding the first Tulsa United Way campaign to exceed \$5 million and also leading the multi-million-dollar effort to build a new Red Cross facility in the 1980s."

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So, how does a small suburb become a busy city of 100,000? Broken Arrow is reaping the benefits of a number of projects that were championed by our Chamber and city leaders and supported by our citizens. Without the foresight to push for the Broken Arrow Expressway many years ago, we would still be a small town. The Creek Turnpike South Loop also lends to our success by creating a high-quality transportation corridor that gives convenient access to the entire region. With more than 500 lane miles of city streets, B.A. residents and workers enjoy some

of the finest city streets in the metro area. Our road infrastructure is the hidden jewel behind much of our growth.

A laser focus on primary job growth and continued facilitation of targeted economic growth throughout the city sets Broken Arrow apart from its neighboring communities. Already home to what is Oklahoma's third largest cluster of manufacturers, we continue to see new jobs in the Aerospace and Energy sectors. In fact, in the past several years, advanced manufacturing jobs have grown by more than 2,000. Our highly technical jobs in aerospace and energy

often pay in excess of \$80,000 per year. This job growth is a testament to the hard work of our Economic Development Corporation (EDC) – a partnership between the Broken Arrow Chamber, the City of Broken Arrow and Broken Arrow Public Schools. The EDC works to grow the local economy through job creation and other initiatives.

The Chamber's motto is "We Make Great Happen." Our members and staff work every day to provide resources to our members that will help them succeed. This year we will provide nearly 100 opportunities for members to learn

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By WES SMITHWICK  
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The great things happening in our community today are a product of collaboration. We have learned how to work together for the common good of Broken Arrow and its citizens. The Chamber hosts annual leadership planning retreats where we bring together leaders from throughout our community and align our goals. We've made it our mission to get everyone in the same boat, rowing in the same direction, on the same river! Without a shared vision among our leaders and entities, we would not be able to get great things done.

Evidence of this "shared vision" approach can be seen all over the city. It started with the campus of Northeastern State University Broken Arrow 15 years ago and, most recently, with the creation of The Rose District. Three years ago, Main Street was dead. Very few people journeyed to what should be the heartbeat of the city. The Chamber rallied a delegation of leaders on a fact-finding trip to other cities to identify best practices and to, then, bring them home to implement. The Chamber

and City officials worked tirelessly throughout 18 months of planning. The EDC handled program management using sound business principles in marketing, advertising, promotion and business attraction. The Rose District is the perfect example of shared vision and shared ownership. That has been the key to its success.

Our community leaders understand the importance of teamwork. When opportunities present themselves, the Chamber, EDC, city government and school district check their egos and then mobilize. You will continue to see that partnership as we work to grow our retail base with new and exciting developments. You will see it as we announce new, high-quality jobs and you will see it when the long-awaited Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center opens, and other hotels, restaurants and retailers plant roots in B.A.

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pushed it.....our city leaders embraced it.....and citizens supported it. When it opens in late 2016, residents will be proud of what will become a state-of-the-art facility. It will be our new "beacon on the hill" and will serve as a reminder of what a community can become when all share a vision and work together. It is the perfect example of how "We Make Great Happen."

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# New Village App Partners With Social Service Groups

A community consciousness is vital to a company's success, even one just launching. This is a story of a new social media app doing social good.

Within days of the new Village app becoming available for download on iTunes and Google Play, Village approached Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma (BBBSOK) about using Village to reconnect and reunite alumni "littles" and "bigs."

Village was developed by CEO and Co-Founder Luke Sontag to create a spontaneous, face-to-face social experience similar to bumping into a friend at the grocery store, in a coffee shop or on the street. Village does what technology hasn't done before, it initiates a 3-minute, video call between Villagers: the app user and someone on the user's pre-approved contact list. Each Villager answers when they can. Identities are revealed only as the connection is

made. Village, therefore, provides a guilt-free, effortless way of ensuring promises to stay in touch are fulfilled.

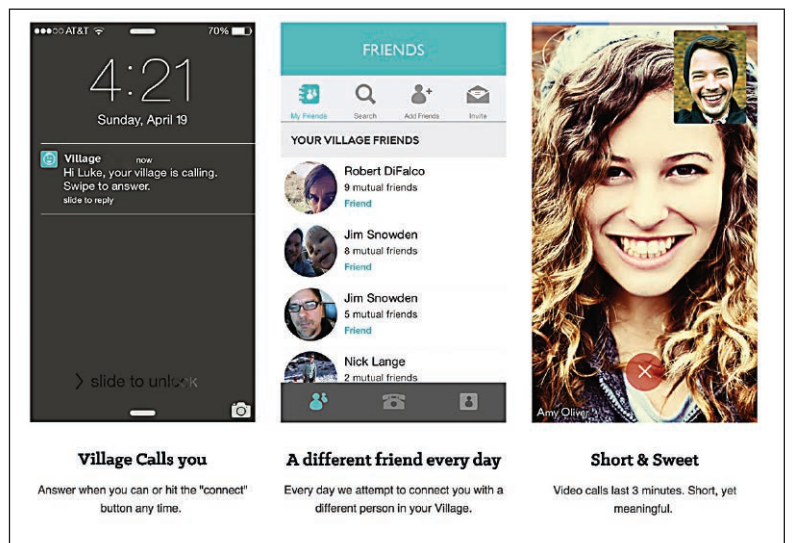
How does an app created to keep individuals in touch face to face more frequently serve nonprofits?

"We have always wanted to organize an alumni group but our electronic database only goes back to matches from 2006, and the information can quickly become outdated. By publicly announcing this statewide initiative with Village, we hope to reach formerly active BBBSOK 'littles' and 'bigs,' encourage them to use the Village app to connect with others they've known through BBBSOK, including reconnecting with former matches," says BBBSOK CEO Sharla Owens.

Another BBBSOK goal is volunteer recruitment. BBBSOK Tulsa Resource Development Board Member Chair Tom Creekmore believes the alumni reconnections

will tremendously increase potential to recruit "bigs," from among former "littles" who know firsthand how a child facing adversity benefits from the strong and enduring, professionally-supported one-to-one relationship of a big-little match.

Through Wendy Drummond, a member of the BBBSOK state governing board, Village has also partnered with Lindsey House. Lindsey House provides transitional housing and an 18-month assistance training program for situationally homeless single mothers and their children. Families leave Lindsey House with new life skills and a game plan. And now, thanks to Village, a means for continued daily, face-to-face assurances from other residents, graduates and staff of Lindsey House. By initiating a regular, 3-minute video call for moms, Villages provides each a quick, but vital chance to bolster each other daily.



Village management sees no better approach for a technology company seeking rapid adoption of a new social app than partnering with organizations whose clients benefit from social connections. Village is headquartered in Portland, Oregon, with an outpost in Tulsa. Learn more about using Village to stay connected effortlessly with friends and family at [www.hellovillagers.com](http://www.hellovillagers.com).

# Concours for the Cure Celebrates 10 Years

The 10th Annual Concours for the Cure will again be held at Southern Hills Country Club in Snug Harbor on Sunday, Sept. 27, 4-7 p.m.

The Warbirds will provide a special flyover in celebration of the event's 10th anniversary.

This is the only Concours in the world that benefits people with diabetes. The event features beautiful surroundings, string quartet music, champagne and, of course, classic, antique and exotic cars, each one with its own fascinating history. The evening will include dinner

and a live auction.

All proceeds from this event support diabetes education and community programs and provide funds for research projects within the State of Oklahoma totaling to find a cure for diabetes. Only 4 percent of funds raised go to overhead costs for the event, with the remaining going toward diabetes research.

Every 17 seconds someone is diagnosed with diabetes. That is 35,000 friends, family and co-workers who will be diagnosed within the next seven days.

If the current trend contin-

ues, 1 out of every 3 children born in the year 2000 will develop diabetes by the year 2050. Based on estimates the cost of diabetes in Oklahoma alone is over \$2 billion each year. Some of the devastating complications of diabetes include heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness, nerve damage and severe infections leading to foot and leg amputations. Nearly 26 million people in the U.S. have diabetes, including 15% of our Oklahoma population. We need your help to change these numbers.

For more information, visit [concoursthecure.com](http://concoursthecure.com).



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**CLASSIC CARS:** The 10th Annual Concours for the Cure will be held at Southern Hills Country Club on Sunday, Sept. 27, 4-7 p.m. The event features beautiful surroundings, string quartet music, champagne and, of course, classic cars.

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# Wine and Roses Returns Sept. 25

Tulsa Garden Center's An Evening of Wine and Roses will celebrate its annual event Friday, Sept. 25, 7-9:30 p.m. at the Tulsa Municipal Rose Garden.

An Evening of Wine and Roses is one of the region's oldest and largest wine tasting events. The event features more than 180 wines and spirits along with appetizers and desserts from 40 Tulsa restaurants in a beautiful Midsummer Night's Dream setting.

This year's event showcases the much anticipated renovation of Tier 1 of the Tulsa Rose Garden featuring lighting, ADA accessible features and improved walkways. More than 250 replacement roses have been planted with additional plantings of complimentary plants scheduled for Fall and early Spring.

Tickets are available for both the Premier Tasting and the Garden Tasting.

The Premier Tasting, held in the Tulsa Garden Center Mansion, will

be held 6-7:30 p.m. and offer top wines and food from local chefs. Tickets cost \$150 each or are included in sponsor packages. Included in the cost of the ticket is admittance into the Garden Tasting, to be held 7-9:30 p.m. in the rose garden. Tickets for the Garden Tasting event are \$85 or \$70 for Tulsa Garden Center members.

This is the primary annual fundraiser for the Tulsa Garden Center, and all proceeds benefit our educational programs.

Reservations are required for An Evening of Wine and Roses, and space is limited. The reservation deadline is Sept. 18; attendees must be 21 years old to attend. To make reservations, purchase a sponsorship, or for more information, call 918-746-5125.

Prior to the event, a premier tasting will be held in the Tulsa Garden Center Mansion from 6-7:30 p.m.

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Warehouse, Tulsa People Magazine and Moody's. For information, call Tulsa Garden Center at 918-746-5125, or visit [tulsegardencenters.com](http://tulsegardencenters.com).

**NABHOLZ FUN:**  
 Nabholz Construction hosted its annual Nabholz Construction Catfish Boil earlier this year. From left are Marnie Fernandez, Cassie Reese and Jillian Ihloff, enjoying the event. Fernandez, of SixPR, is the wife of Nabholz Construction President Shane Fernandez, and Cassie Reese is the vice president of client relations for Nabholz.



# EDUCATION HALL OF FAME



**TULSA TECH AWARD:** Dr. Steve Tiger, superintendent and CEO of Tulsa Tech, presents Dr. Clarence Oliver, Jr., an award as the first inductee into the Tulsa Tech Hall of Fame in August.

In August, Tulsa Tech's Board of Education and Superintendent and CEO Dr. Steve Tiger named Dr. Clarence G. Oliver, Jr., as the first inductee into the Tulsa Tech Hall of Fame.

Oliver, Emeritus professor and former dean of the College of Education at Oral Roberts University and retired superintendent of Broken Arrow Public Schools, has enjoyed work in several career fields. He has been a teacher, journalist, Army officer, school administrator, newspaper editor and publisher, author, community leader, university professor, and dean of a university college of education. He was inducted during the back-to-school staff "Reunion" event on Aug. 7.

"All of his hard work as an advocate for public education and CareerTech education in our state makes him a unanimous choice by our Board and administration for this recognition," says Tiger.

After returning to education from a newspaper management position in 1962, Oliver became vocational education certified and was a Distributive Education (DECA) - now Marketing Education - teacher and coordinator at Broken Arrow High School. Oliver is an inductee in the

Oklahoma Educators' Hall of Fame and has been honored as a "Distinguished Alumnus" by both the University of Tulsa and East Central University.

He was twice chosen as the Oklahoma Superintendent of the Year and represented the state in the American Association of School Administrators recognition program. In June 1999, the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators recognized Oliver for four decades of service to education with the presentation of the "Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Service to Education." Executive Educator Magazine twice selected him in the "100 Outstanding Educators of the United States and Canada" awards program.

The Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce twice recognized him with the community's "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" award in 1975 and 1992. He was recognized with the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce "Legacy" award in 2011. In February 2015, he was recognized by the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce with the first and newly created "Dr. Clarence G. Oliver, Jr., Lifetime Achievement Award."

# BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOTES

**Holland Hall** announces the following new members of the institutional advancement team: **Heather Brasel**, director of communications and marketing; **Monica Champ**, director of annual fund; **Beth Goddard**, interim director of institutional advancement; **Margie Harned Warren**, campaign director.

Brasel joins Holland Hall with a strong background in marketing and design. She has worked in the full-service marketing industry in Tulsa for more than 13 years, most recently as creative director at BlueView Agency. Brasel will be leading the communications team and tactical partners to ensure effective and consistent communications.

Champ comes to Holland Hall with more than 10 years of development and fundraising experience. Prior to joining Holland Hall, she worked for the American Red Cross as a major gifts officer and was the executive director of the Rejoice Foundation from 2004 - 2013.

Goddard is a graduate of Holland Hall's Class of 1986 and former Holland Hall director of annual fund, 2009-2011. With a background in advertising and marketing and 20 years of non-profit experience, Goddard brings to her leadership role a deep knowledge of the school and a highly organized, relational approach to the office. She will serve in a part-time capacity while Holland Hall conducts a national search for a permanent I.A. director.

Warren, former member of Holland Hall's board of trustees and former co-chair of the board of visitors, will oversee the strategic and tactical needs of the Enhancing our Common Ground Campaign. With a background in sales, significant philanthropic experience, and important perspectives as a former board member, alumna, and parent, she brings exacting standards to a role designed to ensure the future of Holland Hall's mission and impact on children and families throughout Tulsa.

**Camp Fire Green Country** recently hired **Renee Meek** as its new executive director. Meek joins Camp Fire after eight years with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma, most recently serving as chief development officer for the statewide organization. She brings to Camp Fire extensive experience in the corporate and non-profit communities with a proven track record in fundraising and donor development. Meek is an Oklahoma State University graduate.



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The Board of Regents for **Tulsa Community College** elected Tulsa attorney **Larry D. Leonard** as chairman for the 2015-2016 academic year. The TCC Foundation elected **ONE Gas** President and CEO **Pierce Norton** as chairman of the TCC Foundation Board for 2015.

Leonard has served on the TCC Board of Regents since 2002 after being appointed by Gov. Frank Keating and reappointed by Gov. Brad Henry in 2009. He is the senior partner in the Tulsa firm of Leonard & Rineer, P.C. and has practiced law in Tulsa since 1974. He is a member of the Tulsa County Bar Association, Oklahoma and Kansas Bar Associations and the American Bar Association.

The Board of Regents also elected **Paul H. Cornell** to serve as vice chairman and **Robin F. Ballenger** to serve as secretary for 2015-2016. Cornell is president of Citizen's Bancshares and director of Citizens State Bank. Ballenger is the chairman of Flint Resources Company, LLC, and president of the Flint Family Foundation.

Norton leads the TCC Foundation along with Vice Chair **Joan Parkhurst**, **Parkhurst Investments**, and Secretary Treasurer **Alana Hughes**, chief operating officer of the **Charles & Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation**. The TCC Foundation Board held a strategic planning retreat this summer. Under Norton's leadership, the TCC Foundation Trustees set goals and created priorities for the organization in alignment and support of TCC's recently completed five-year strategic plan.

The TCC Foundation provides support to Tulsa Community College and the College's mission by developing community relationships and financial support for student development and scholarships as well as critical capital and equipment needs. The Foundation Board was briefed on the highly successful campaign that involves TCC's business partners, alumni, loyal donors, and TCC faculty and staff. The 201Believe in TCC campaign raised more than \$176,000.

**AVB Bank** announces that **Chris Burdan** has joined the bank as vice president. She is responsible for commercial lending and business development. Burdan's office is located in the heart of the Rose District at the downtown Broken Arrow branch at 302 S. Main St.

Burdan has over 30 years banking experience, serving most recently as vice president of lending at BancFirst in Claremore (Rogers County). Burdan's banking career began at that same bank, formerly known as 1st Bank Oklahoma.

With a focus on commercial real estate lending, Burdan is a graduate of the Omega Lending School and is actively involved in the Rogers County Builders Association and Claremore Chamber of Commerce.

Burdan and her husband, **Monte Linihan**, reside in Oologah. Founded in Broken Arrow in 1905, AVB Bank is a fourth-generation family-owned community bank with locations in Tulsa and Broken Arrow. It is a member of FDIC and an Equal Opportunity Lender.



LEONARD

The **Tulsa Global Alliance (TGA)** Governing Board announces **Thomas Hemphill** as the new president/CEO. The announcement comes after the retirement of **Becky Collins**, who led the non-profit organization for 8 years.

Hemphill has extensive international and nonprofit experience working with Heifer International; Southern Russian Regional Center in Krasnodar, Russia; Mercy Corps International in Manila, Philippines and National Cooperative Business Association as the Asia program director in Washington, D.C. He most recently was the executive director of the Sancta Sophia Seminary/Light of Christ Community Church in Tahlequah.

"Tulsa is an award-winning city in international relations and cross-cultural friendships," says Hemphill. "I have lived and worked in many different countries, and I am delighted to bring my own international experiences to Tulsa Global Alliance."

More information about Tulsa Global Alliance is available at [www.tulsaglobalalliance.org](http://www.tulsaglobalalliance.org).

**Jeff Jackson II** recently joined **BancOklahoma Investment Center** as a financial advisor in Tulsa. In his new role, Jeff will advise clients on investments, estate planning, wealth management and insurance. He has nearly 15 years of financial experience and served most recently as an LPL investment consultant with Firststar Bank.

Jackson graduated from University of the Ozarks with a bachelor's degree in business administration and management. He currently resides in Tulsa and serves on the board of directors of Oklahoma School for the Blind and the alumni board of directors for the University of the Ozarks.

The **Academy of General Dentistry (AGD)** announces that **Glenda Payas, D.M.D., M.A.G.D., P.L.L.C.** of Tulsa received the association's Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition (LLSR) during the AGD's annual meeting, June 18-21 in San Francisco, Calif.

AGD members achieve LLSR by demonstrating a commitment to pursuing continuing education (CE), volunteering their services to communities in need, mentoring associates and new dentists, and participating in organized dentistry. To receive this recognition, recipients must complete at least 1,600 hours of CE and perform at least 100 hours of dental-related community or volunteer service. Only 274 of the AGD's 39,000 members have received LLSR since it was introduced in 2005.

Dr. Payas graduated with a doctorate of dental medicine from Oral Roberts University. She went on to study advanced cosmetic dentistry under Dr. William Dickerson of the Baylor College of Dentistry. She currently practices dentistry in Tulsa.



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# Remains of Art Deco Building Show Original Glory

A current trend in upscale grocery stores is the inclusion of as many ancillary "one stop" retail functions as possible; thus, stores that include a pharmacy, florist facility, gift shop, dining area and video rental section in addition to groceries are becoming common. In Tulsa, this concept is not new; it was first tried in 1929 at The Market, also known as The Farmers' Market and Warehouse Market.

Early in Tulsa's history, the McNulty family purchased a large tract of land on the edge of the city at the northeast corner of 11th Street and Elgin Avenue. At first, the land was developed as McNulty Baseball

Park, home of the Tulsa Oilers (the name of Tulsa's minor league baseball team until the 1970s). In those post World War I days, such notables as Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees played there. The park also sheltered black families during the 1921 Race Riot.

In 1928, John J. Harden, an Oklahoma City developer, negotiated a 99-year lease with the McNultys. Designed by Oklahoma City architect B. Gaylord Noftsgar, the resulting flamboyant art deco building opened in 1929. The main entrance was a close copy of the entrance to the "Skyscraper in Rainbow Hues" (The Commercial Building, 10 W. Elm, Chicago).

Featured were Rococo-like neoclassical figures contained in medallions along with various geometric designs in bright blues, greens, reds and golds. Terra cotta detail extended to the top of the parapet and up

to the top of the tower. The parapet was banded in raspberry, blue and white terra cotta motifs including fans, rosettes, arcs and rays. The background skin was buff-colored brick with polished limestone trim. The tall, narrow tower sported blue, white and red diamonds in a diagonal pattern surmounted by a vine motif. On either side of the entrance was a large medallion on a bright blue

background. One portrayed a goddess holding a sheath of wheat and a cornucopia; the other depicted a god with a winged helmet holding an oil derrick in one hand and a train engine in the other (a nod to industry and transportation).

The site worked well for The Market (the original name of the building) since the Midland tracks were adjacent, and the natural slope of the land accommodated shipping and delivery docks to the rear of the building.

When it opened, The Market included a barber shop, beauty shop, snack bar and restaurant. Shoppers were entertained by live country music bands. For a

time in the early 1930s, it was the main supplier of Tulsa's groceries. But the Depression years eventually forced The Market to close. It soon became Club Lido, a nightclub featuring big band musicians such as Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway.

Club Lido was also short lived and closed in 1933. The facility once again became a grocery store, the first in a chain of what Tulsans know as Warehouse Market. In the 1980s, it changed again, this time to a liquor store.

In the early 1990s, Home Depot entered into negotiation with the McNulty family. As a result, the bulk of The Market structure was demolished, much to the horror of local historians and preservationists. The south façade with its terra cotta detail, main entrance and entrance tower were saved. A new long, narrow retail structure was attached to the rear of the façade. A double row of parking was maintained in front. Today, the retail structure is occupied by a Mazzio's restaurant and the Modern Spirits liquor store.

In 1993, a new Home Depot facility opened on the north end of the site, separated from the retail structure on the south by a large parking lot. Once again, the Midland tracks to the north and east provided convenient transportation for the home improvement store operation. The project developer gave some lip service to the original art deco design of The Market in its treatment of the Home Depot building parapet, but the building is just a box warehouse.

Although most of the 1929 building is gone, one can still enjoy the colorful detail of the original south façade and its landmark art deco tower.

## On Architecture



By ROGER COFFEY, AIA



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**DOWNTOWN GROCERY STORE:** The Warehouse Market Building sits at 11th Street and Elgin Avenue. The flamboyantly ornate art deco building was built in 1929 and was originally home to The Market grocery store, which included a barber shop, beauty shop, snack bar and restaurant.

## Grace Hospice Fundraiser

**FOUNDATION EVENT:** On Aug. 22, Grace Hospice Foundation held its annual fundraiser at the Hard Rock Casino, with this year's theme "Grace Goes 80's." Attendees were encouraged to come decked out in their best '80's outfits.

Evening highlights included a live and silent auction, '80's drinks, games and music by Oklahoma's hottest hair band: 80'z Enuf.

The fundraising event is the foundation's primary source of funding. The Grace Hospice Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of hospice care and subsidizing the cost for patients who cannot afford to pay for the compassionate care and grant the special wishes of hospice patients.



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From left are Heidi Ducato, committee member; Amy Synar, Grace Hospice Foundation executive director; Lexi Galloway, Grace Hospice Foundation board member; and Jamie Bryan, committee member.

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*Tulsa Fashion Week Coming Sept. 15-19*

Standing ovations are likely in the bag for the inaugural Tulsa Fashion Week 2015 runway shows this September. The national designers showcasing 2015-16 haute couture and ready-to-wear collections at TFW customarily, around the globe, draw nothing less than thunderous applause from show audiences. A recent preview for sponsors, media and local designers featuring an art deco inspired collection of evening wear by Hollywood designer Alexis Monsanto provided a delectable taste of things to come. Alexis returns in September along with Joannelynn Hong, Designs by Jessica, Caycee Black, Nicole Moan, Danny Nguyen, Orlando Dugi, Stephen Goudeau, Stevie Boi and the Nine Muses Collection.

TFW organizers SRO Productions and Oklahoma City Fashion Week have been hard at work since the first of the year to create a stunning event lineup for Sept. 15-19, as well as lay a blueprint for a long-term, vibrant Tulsa fashion industry. The

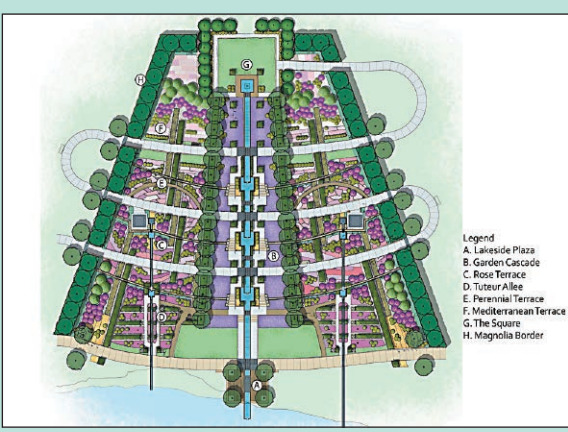


**FASHION WEEK PREVIEW:** Tulsa Fashion Week and Rave Review Catering hosted an elegant preview party July 22 in the Jackie Cooper Imports Infiniti showroom. Hollywood designer Alexis Monsanto, second from right, dazzled those in attendance with his art deco-themed collection. Infiniti Sales Manager Jeff Badley, center, is joined by Tulsa Fashion Week models and organizers Jon Terry, far left, and Tina Terry, third from right, of SRO Productions.

2015 TFW series includes both free and ticketed events at Utica Square, the Mayo Hotel and Cox Business Center. Presenting sponsor is Jackie Cooper Imports. Major sponsors include Tulsa World and Utica Square. Visit [TulsaFashionWeek.com](http://TulsaFashionWeek.com) for complete details.

**TULSA BOTANIC GARDEN:**

The grand opening of the A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Floral Terraces with a week of events planned for late September-early October, culminating with a grand opening to the public at noon on Saturday, Oct. 3. Over three acres in size the Tandy Floral Terraces will display over 7,500 plants including trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, roses and perennials set in terraced beds on a hillside which offers views of downtown Tulsa from its peak.



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<p><b>23 August</b></p> <p><b>SPAMALOT</b> Theatre Pops 2 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. Midland 7:05 p.m. Visit www.tulsadrillers.com for more information.</p> <p><b>JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS</b> Expo Square 1 - 7 p.m. Visit exposquare.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>TULSA YOUTH ROWING BASIC TRAINING</b> Tulsa Youth Rowing Association 4:30 p.m. Visit www.okrowing.com for more information.</p> <p><b>ZOORASSIC PARK</b> Tulsa Zoo 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Last week of temporary exhibit showcasing 11 dinosaur species. Visit tulsazoo.org/roar for more information</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>DIRTY HEADS</b> Cain's Ballroom 8 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.</p> <p><b>H-TAG# TUESDAY TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL</b> Helmerich Library 4:45 - 6:45 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p> <p><b>MS POWERPOINT 101</b> Hardesty Regional Library 6 - 8 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>ART RECESS</b> Philbrook Downtown 12 - 1 p.m. Visit philbrook.org for more information.</p> <p><b>FITNESS ON THE GREEN: PARTNER POWER</b> Guthrie Green 6 a.m. Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.</p> <p><b>We offer Health Savings Accounts</b> <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>MOVIE IN THE PARK: SPINAL TAP</b> Guthrie Green 8 - 9:20 p.m. Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.</p> <p><b>HARD WORKING AMERICANS</b> Cain's Ballroom 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.</p> <p><b>TONY ORLANDO</b> Creek Nation River Spirit Casino 7 - 10:30 p.m. • Aug. 28 Visit riverspiritulsa.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>TULSA SHOCK</b> vs. Los Angeles 7 p.m. Visit wnba.com/shock for more information.</p> <p><b>MEET AUTHOR SHARON DRAPER, WINNER OF THE 2015 ANNE V. ZARROW AWARD FOR YOUNG READERS' LITERATURE</b> Hardesty Regional Library 7 - 8:30 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>FAMILY &amp; FRIENDS FUNFEST</b> O'Brien Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 918-591-6008 for more information.</p> <p><b>JUDGE MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP RUN</b> Bentley Park, Bixby 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Visit oc.edu/ocwarun for more information.</p> <p><b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. Springfield 7:05 p.m. Visit www.tulsadrillers.com for more information</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. Springfield 7:05 p.m. Visit www.tulsadrillers.com for more information</p> <p><b>TULSA SHOCK</b> vs. Indiana 3:30 p.m. Visit wnba.com/shock for more information.</p> <p><b>PUNCH BROTHERS</b> Cain's Ballroom 7 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. Springfield 7:05 p.m. Visit www.tulsadrillers.com for more information</p> <p><b>GWAR</b> Cain's Ballroom 7 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.</p> <p><b>More Bank for your Buck.</b> <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.</p>	<p><b>1 September</b></p> <p><b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. NW Arkansas 7:05 p.m. Visit www.tulsadrillers.com for more information</p> <p><b>AQUI ESTAMOS... HERE WE ARE: PHOTOGRAPHY BY JOSE GALVEZ</b> Thomas K. McKeon Center for Creativity, TCC 7 p.m. Visit tulsacc.edu for more information.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>BROWN BAG IT: SHELBY EICHER</b> PAC Trust 12:10 p.m. FREE event.</p> <p><b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. NW Arkansas 7:05 p.m. Visit www.tulsadrillers.com for more information</p> <p><b>STAY AND PLAY</b> Owasso Library 11 - 11:30 a.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>TULSA PLAYBOYS</b> Cain's Ballroom 6 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.</p> <p><b>AIR! POSITIVE HITS TOUR</b> BOK Center 7 p.m. Visit bokcenter.com for more information.</p> <p><b>ROB THOMAS</b> Brady Theater 7 p.m. Visit bradytheater.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. NW Arkansas 7:05 p.m. Visit www.tulsadrillers.com for more information</p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>FIRST FRIDAY ART CRAWL</b> Philbrook Downtown 6 - 9 p.m. Visit philbrook.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>GOLDEN HURRICANE</b> vs. Florida Atlantic • 7 p.m. Football 918-631-4688 for tickets.</p> <p><b>POSTOAK WINE &amp; JAZZ FESTIVAL</b> Postoak Lodge &amp; Retreat 2 - 11 p.m. Visit postoaklodge.com for more information.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 2 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>TULSA ROUGHNECKS</b> vs. Oklahoma City 7:30 p.m. Visit tulsaroughnecksf.com for more information.</p> <p><b>TULSA ROOTS ROCKS THE GREEN</b> Guthrie Green 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>TULSA'S GREAT RAFT RACE</b> River City Park - Sand Springs (Starting line) 8 a.m. Visit tulsarraft.com for more information</p> <p><b>Happy Labor Day!</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>TULSA SHOCK</b> vs. San Antonio 7 p.m. Visit wnba.com/shock for more information.</p> <p><b>PAWS FOR READING</b> Bixby Library 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p> <p><b>Ask us about ID Fraud Protection</b> <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>GALLERY TALK - GROWING ART: PHILBROOK GARDENS</b> Philbrook Museum of Art 12 - 1 p.m. Visit philbrook.org for more information.</p> <p><b>THE TALLEST MAN ON EARTH</b> Cain's Ballroom 8 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>TRACE ADKINS</b> Osage Casino 7 p.m. Visit osagecasinos.com for more information.</p> <p><b>MOVIE IN THE PARK: SELENA</b> Guthrie Green 8:30 - 10 p.m. Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>HALF LIFE</b> Living Arts of Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>9/11 DAY OF SERVICE &amp; REMEMBRANCE</b> Guthrie Green 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 2 &amp; 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>HALF LIFE</b> Living Arts of Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>PARSONS DANCE</b> Choregus Productions 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>PACIFICA QUARTET</b> Chamber Music Tulsa 3 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>TULSA SHOCK</b> vs. Phoenix 7 p.m. Visit wnba.com/shock for more information.</p> <p><b>BASECAMP CAMPING AND MUSIC FESTIVAL</b> Turkey Mountain - Tulsa Sept. 12-13 • all day Visit turkeymtn.com/campout for more information.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>CHEVELLE</b> Brady Theater 7 p.m. Visit bradytheater.com for more information.</p> <p><b>NOVEL TALK PRESENTS I'LL FLY AWAY: FREEDOM OF THE BODY AND FREEDOM OF THE MIND IN SUE MONK KIDD'S 'THE INVENTION OF WINGS'</b> Harvelden Mansion 7 - 8:30 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>CREATIVE ART THERAPY</b> Central Center in Centennial Park 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Call 918-596-1444 for more information.</p> <p><b>FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY</b> Guthrie Green 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>RIB CRIB'S ROCK 'N' RIB FESTIVAL</b> BOK Center Sept. 17-20 Visit bokcenter.com for more information.</p> <p><b>Free small business checking</b> <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>THE ILLUSIONISTS: LIVE FROM BROADWAY</b> Celebrity Attractions 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>WHISKEY WELL</b> BOK Center 6:30 &amp; 9 p.m. • Sept. 18-19 Visit bokcenter.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 2 &amp; 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>THE ILLUSIONISTS: LIVE FROM BROADWAY</b> Celebrity Attractions 10 a.m., 2 &amp; 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>ROGERS COUNTY FAIR</b> Claremore Expo All Day Visit rogerscountyfair.com for more information.</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>MISS SAIGON</b> Theatre Tulsa 2 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>THE ILLUSIONISTS: LIVE FROM BROADWAY</b> Celebrity Attractions 1 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>THE PRICE IS RIGHT LIVE!</b> BOK Center Time TBA Visit bokcenter.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>MAD SCIENCE MONDAY</b> Schusterman-Benson Library 4 - 4:45 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p> <p><b>CAP TULSA'S 'TOGETHER WE READ' BOOK DRIVE</b> CAP Tulsa, 4606 S. Garnett Rd. Sept. 21 - Oct. 2 Visit captulsa.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>TUESDAY STORYTIME AT BARNES &amp; NOBLE SOUTHWARDS</b> Barnes &amp; Noble Southroads 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Tuesday Storytime at Barnes &amp; Noble Southroads is a free event.</p> <p><b>DIY FOR ADULTS: LEARN HOW TO BREW YOUR OWN BEER</b> Hardesty Regional Library 7 - 8 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>A-BOOK-A-MONTH DISCUSSION GROUP</b> Bixby Library 2 - 3 p.m. "The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonasson Jonas will be discussed. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p> <p><b>New Name. Same Bank</b> <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>THE MARKET @ GUTHRIE GREEN</b> Guthrie Green 4 p.m. Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.</p> <p><b>JAY LENO</b> Hard Rock Hotel and Casino 7 p.m. Visit hardrockcasinotulsa.com for more information.</p> <p><b>LIFE DRAWING</b> Philbrook Museum of Art 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Visit philbrook.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>LUCKY DIAZ AND THE FAMILY JAM BAND</b> Brookside Library 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.</p> <p><b>FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE</b> BOK Center 7:30 p.m. Visit bokcenter.com for more information.</p> <p><b>NEXT TO NORMAL</b> Theatre Tulsa 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>NEXT TO NORMAL</b> Theatre Tulsa 2 &amp; 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p> <p><b>BUCKCHERRY</b> Brady Theater 7 p.m. Visit bradytheater.com for more information.</p> <p><b>TSO CLASSICS: EXPERIENCE THE EXOTIC</b> Tulsa Symphony 7:30 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.</p>

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serving school faculty, staff and students at more than 100 Back-to-School events across northeast Oklahoma, the credit union's 50/50 checking promotion allows its members the opportunity to give back to education, as well.

Through December, those who open a new TTCU checking account with a Visa Check Card have the opportunity to receive \$50 and award the school of their choice with \$50. In the past four years, more than \$245,000 has been given to local schools as a result of the 50/50 promotion.

"As a credit union that was initially established for educators, giving back to schools is a natural fit for us," says Tim Lyons, TTCU CEO. "What's really great is that our members are the ones who choose the schools that receive \$50, allowing them to be just as much a part of the donation process as we are."

Members also have the opportunity to give to schools year-round through the School Pride Card Program. Along with showing school spirit for area schools, each time the card is swiped to make a purchase, TTCU makes a donation to the school featured on the card.

The School Pride program began in 2007, featuring 20 area



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school cards. Since its debut, 20 schools have been added to the line-up. The program allows TTCU members to choose among these 40 school card designs as the debit card for their TTCU checking account. The School Pride program, coupled with the 50/50 promotion, has raised more than \$500,000 in donations for local schools.

A TTCU checking account with a School Pride Card can be opened online or at any branch. Visit [tccu.com](http://tccu.com) for more information.

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## STEM ALLIANCE HOSTS QUADCOPTER CAMP



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