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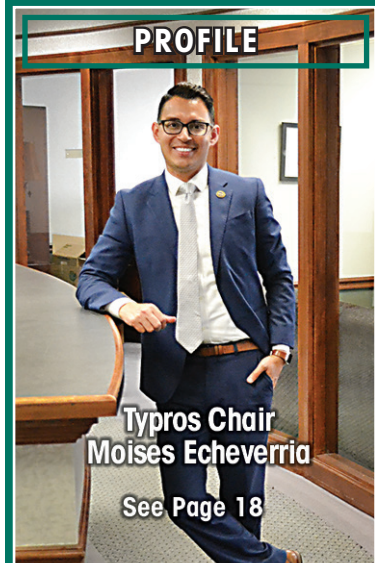
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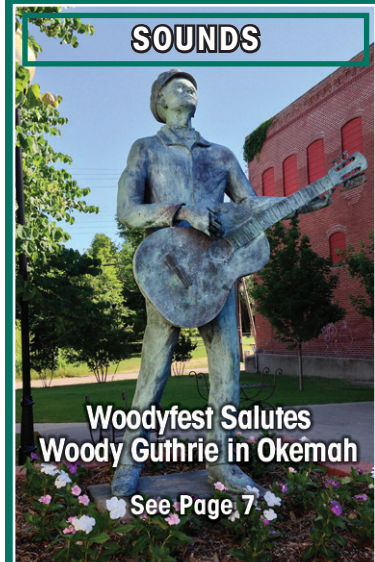
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## Union Students Surprised at TCC 'Reveal'

### High School Students to Earn Early College Credits

Union Public Schools and Tulsa Community College surprised 52 incoming freshmen May 16 with a special "reveal" celebration as they announced the second class of the Early College High School (ECHS) program.

ECHS is a joint effort between Union and Tulsa Community College that provides eligible students the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credits concurrently while attending Union High School. Students who complete the program will receive both an associate degree and a high school diploma upon graduation.

Union Superintendent Dr. Kirt Hartzler and Tulsa Community College President and CEO Leigh Goodson, Ph.D., congratulated 52 eighth graders selected to participate in the ECHS program — many of whom will be the first in their family to attend college. These students will complete a rigorous college prep curriculum in ninth grade before entering Early College High



**WELCOMING SMILES:** Tulsa Community College President and CEO Dr. Leigh Goodson and Union Superintendent Dr. Kirt Hartzler welcomed the second cohort of students for the Early College High School program in a special "reveal" on May 16.

School. The students will move through the program as a cohort with a specified course sequence and schedule. TCC faculty teach rigorous college-level courses on-site at Union High School. The courses offered include the general education requirements

that Oklahoma colleges require in the initial two years of post-secondary education.

The event was held at the Union Eighth Grade Center, 6501 S. Garnett Rd.

Early College High School is an expansion of concurrent en-

rollment opportunities already available at the Union Collegiate Academy. The first cohort of 55 students — announced in December 2017 — has been involved in rigorous college prep curriculum since January and will begin college courses this fall.



**UNION JAZZ AT GUTHRIE GREEN:** Danny Cole directs the Union High School Jazz Ensemble I at Guthrie Green on May 4. About 5,000 people were in attendance.



**BEATLES VS. STONES:** When the touring show Beatles vs. Stones — A Musical Showdown came to the Tulsa Performing Arts Center in May, the Union High School String Quartet played a key role in the event. The group includes Union High seniors Maha Narayanan, Cassandra Goana, Jennifer Ripley and sophomore Keegan Knouse.

## KUDOS of the MONTH: Circle Cinema

Circle Cinema, located at 10 S. Lewis Ave. in the Kendall-Whittier district, is celebrating its 90th year in operation, having outlasted former Tulsa movie theaters the Orpheum, Ritz, Majestic, Rialto, Delman, Will Rogers and others.

Established on July 15, 1928, Circle Cinema was a true neighborhood movie house, with kids and families lined up to see the latest silent films, serials and cartoons. Its location on Lewis Avenue just south of Admiral Boulevard put it on the original Route 66 alignment as it traveled through Tulsa thru 1932.

In March of 1983, Circle was featured in the now classic film "The Outsiders," based on the popular book by Tulsa author S.E. Hinton. And by the late 1980s, a Whittier Square revitalization effort began with assistance from the city of Tulsa.



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The theatre went dark for almost a decade in the mid-1990s only to come back to life as The Circle Cinema Foundation, a nonprofit organization in December 2002, with plans to restore and reopen it as an arthouse cinema with a mission to create community consciousness through film.

By July 2014, Circle Cinema celebrated the completion of its building project with four movie auditoriums, a gallery space, and even

repurchased the original 1928 Robert Morton Theatre pipe organ which was refurbished and upgraded and used once again.

In November 2015, the Kendall-Whittier district became a Certified Cultural District by the Oklahoma Arts Council and in May 2016 was named the Oklahoma Main Street Business of The Year. The award stated, "Circle Cinema is a beloved icon, gathering place, cultural institution, date-night mainstay and hub of activity for not only Kendall-Whittier but the entire Tulsa metro area."

This July, Circle Cinema Film festival will make its debut during the 90th birthday celebration complete with movie premieres, special guests, receptions, silent classics, and more. Visit the Circle at [www.circlecinema.com](http://www.circlecinema.com).



# Gathering Place Announces Sept. 8 Opening

Gathering Place has announced that it officially opens on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, kicking off with 100 Days of Opening Celebration festivities.

A riverfront public park designed to be a place for all Tulsans from all walks of life to enjoy together, Gathering Place's initial 100 Days of Opening Celebration will provide dynamic, culturally relevant programming activities for the entire community. These one-of-a-kind events and activities include an opening day performance by legendary hip-hop/neo soul band The Roots.

"Gathering Place is a world-class destination that will offer a place for all to come together," said Tony Moore, Park Director. "Our 100 Days Opening Celebration will offer a diverse array of acts and events giving every guest an opportunity to celebrate the opening of the park every single day. This will truly be an experience like none other."

The first phase of Gathering Place spans 66.5 acres and offers entertainment for all ages, transforming the community and adding to the regional appeal of Tulsa as a destination city. The park's many activities include children's

programming at H.A. & Mary K. Chapman Adventure Playground, athletic engagement at the Skate and Bike Parks and the SemGroup Sports Courts and kayak, canoe and paddle boat rentals available at the ONEOK Boathouse to tour Peggy's Pond. Additional features include the QuikTrip Great Lawn, which will host concerts and events along with the Williams Lodge, where guests can enjoy food, drinks and a lounge area to relax.

At \$465 million, Gathering Place represents the largest private gift to a public park in U.S. history. Gifted to the River Parks Authority by the George Kaiser Family Foundation, numerous corporate and community philanthropists have contributed to support the park, exemplifying the Tulsa community's spirit of inclusivity and giving.

"The anticipation leading up to the opening of Gathering Place has been incredible to witness," said Jeff Stava, Executive Director and Trustee of Gathering Place. "This project has been years in the making and we are truly astounded by the generosity of the Tulsa community in this endeavor. When Gathering Place opens on Sept. 8,



**FUN TIMES:** The Gathering Place will be a world-class destination.



**ANNOUNCEMENT DAY:** The Gathering Place officials announced the Sept. 8 opening in early June. In attendance were invited guests, including many children who had a fun time.

it is going to be a central place for Tulsa citizens and visitors alike to gather and enjoy for years to come."

## About Gathering Place

A project of George Kaiser Family Foundation, Gathering Place, with a first phase of 66.5 acres, will ultimately transform nearly

100 acres of Tulsa's waterfront along the Arkansas River into a dynamic and active space when the project is completed. A public-private partnership, GKFF and numerous corporate and community philanthropists gave ownership of the \$465 million park to River Parks Authority who in turn signed a long-term operational and

management lease back to an entity of the foundation to ensure the highest quality operation, maintenance and programming for the life of the park.

Gathering Place for Tulsa is doing business as Tulsa's Gathering Place, LLC. To learn more about the project, visit [www.gathering-place.org](http://www.gathering-place.org).



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**BREEDER'S INVITATIONAL AGREEMENT:** Breeder's Invitational is celebrating its 10th year at Expo Square with an agreement signed in May. From left are Manager of the Tulsa State Fair Amanda Blair, President and CEO of the Tulsa State Fair Mark Andrus, Tulsa County Commissioner Ron Peters, Executive Director of the Breeder's Invitational Robert O'Bannon, President of the Tulsa Convention and Visitors Bureau Ray Hoyt, and Tulsa County Commissioner Karen Keith.



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**FOOD 2 VETERANS:** TV's 2 Works for You recently hosted a food drive at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Broken Arrow to benefit veterans. The food collected benefits local veterans' charities. From 2 Works for You are Beth Pielsticker, second from left and Lisa Jones, fifth from left. At right is Greg Raskin from the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Also pictured are Laura Pollard, Elizabeth Adams, Josh Pillow and Chad Clark from BRR4VETS and Scott Blackburn from Coffee Bunker.



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**CRAWFEST FUN:** Ed Richard of Hebert's Specialty Meats enjoying his 11th annual Crawfest Festival with his granddaughter in May. The event, which annually features New Orleans-style cooking, benefits Tulsa-based Therapeutics. Hebert's is located at 2101 E. 71st St. in Tulsa.



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**USS TULSA EVENT:** USS Tulsa ship sponsor Kathy Taylor, center, with members of the commissioning committee held an informational session for community members recently at the Polo Grill in Utica Square. The ship should be commissioned in late 2018 or early 2019. To learn more, visit [usstulsa.org](http://usstulsa.org).



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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity during their construction of a home in the Kendall Whittier neighborhood in honor of long-time Habitat supporter Jimmie Swindler, an Oklahoma native and friend of national radio personality Clark Howard, who was a special visitor at the event. The house will be home to Anthony Sing, Niang Lun Cing, and their three children.



**EXECUTIVE CHEF:** The Gathering Place has appointed Kirk Swaby as executive chef. His experience includes the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts as well as at Canada's highly respected, George Brown Culinary School.

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# FOLDS OF HONOR SALUTES FALLEN VETS AT PATRIOT GOLF



**WELCOMING GUESTS:**  
Folds of Honor founder Major Dan Rooney welcomes guests to this year's Patriotic Golf Day at the Patriot Golf Club.

The Patriot Golf Day, held at the Patriot Golf Club in Stone Canyon near Owasso, was held on Memorial Day as it has been the past several years. Patriot Golf has been the centerpiece of patriots joining the Patriot cause and continually stands out as the number one source of revenue to help raise funds for families of fallen veterans.

The patriots who make the fund-raising happen are prominent golfers, including PGA Professionals alongside committed patriots across America.

The Patriot aspires to provide a golf-centric sanctuary for local and national members who are passionate about the game, appreciate its history and traditions, and are drawn to the club's unique setting and deep sense of Patriotism.

Though the club's core focus is providing members with an exceptional and purpose-driven golf experience, The Patriot combines the amenities of lodging and dining to further enhance its distinctive environment. The Patriot Golf Club is the product of a chance meeting between Major Dan Rooney, founder of The Folds of Honor Foundation, and David Charney, co-developer of the Stone Canyon Development. Both men were late substitutes in a charity golf tournament and happened to be paired together. During that fateful round of golf, Rooney discussed his desire to build a home course for his charitable foundation, The Folds of Honor, and Charney told him of a piece of land in Stone Canyon where he envisioned a golf course. It was during those few hours the idea of The Patriot was born.

The famous Robert Trent Jones, Jr. was commissioned to design the course. Over the next two years, The Patriot was developed. The diversity of the terrain was uncovered and shown to flow through four distinct and breathtaking topographies: lowland marsh, woodland meadows, high prairie, and dramatic limestone canyons. The rock-laden terrain required importing 10-inches of sandy-loam top soil. Irrigation was literally carved into the land through limestone.

The Patriot opened to its members in May 2010. Since that time, the club has received many accolades. The Patriot was named the Best New Private Club in 2011 by Golfweek and in 2012 was ranked 45th on the Golfweek Modern List.



**OPENING CEREMONY:** The Owasso High School ROTC displays the colors during the singing of the national anthem.



**TEEING OFF:** The prestigious golfers tee off one by one to salute the event as they get ready to head to the beautiful golf course.

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# Urban Data Program Helps Tulsa to Compete

When I took office, our City of Tulsa team recognized the benefits of using data to help solve public problems, drive policy and measure results. However, as we tried using data to guide decisions and lower barriers to innovation, we lacked the ability to use our own data and the data analytics talent needed to transform local government's use of data-driven evidence. But that didn't stop us. We found a solution.

For the past year, the Urban Data Pioneers (UDP) have mined and harnessed data to benefit all of Tulsa. Teams of City employees and community members have used data to understand problems better and learn what affects Tulsa's population growth, understanding the connection between blight and violent crime, and analyzing how our land-use decisions impact sales-tax collections.

## From Tulsa's Mayor



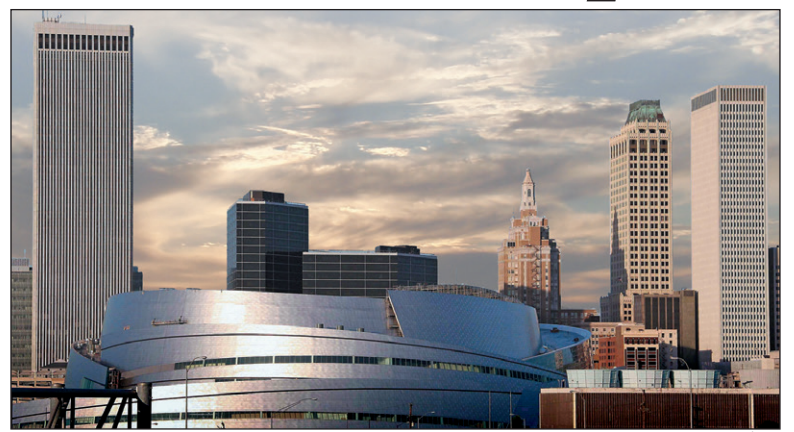
By G.T. BYNUM  
Mayor of Tulsa

We invited citizens to form a new collaborative group of civic data analysts. At the first meeting, 60 people formed five teams to work on data projects, such as analyzing population growth in neighborhoods.

We also attracted interest from our non-profit community who worked with city officials on projects connected to data analysis to achieve progress in housing, public health and education, and unleash the power of administrative datasets. These talented UDP members range from nonprofits, to the Tulsa City-County Health Department, to civic coders and data professionals.

UDP is still going strong and will enter its fourth group later this year with more than 120 people engaged in serving up data that has helped us analyze per capita income and its direct relation to Tulsa's high school graduation rates.

All of UDP's hard work is paying off. I'm so pleased to tell you that Tulsa was recently named as one of three Cities, and the only U.S. city to win \$70,000 for the Engaged Cities Award. This international recognition program award was due to the Urban Data Pioneers program, created by our Performance Strategy and Innovation Office to engage citizens to tackle problems by using data.



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**ENGAGED CITY:** Tulsa was recently named as one of three Cities, and the only U.S. city, to win \$70,000 for the Engaged Cities Award.

This is a big deal for Tulsa! I greatly appreciate the incredible opportunity we had to compete on an international level. It clearly demonstrates to the rest of the world that Tulsa's on the cutting edge of creative problem solving. When we focus on a goal and have specific strategies to support it, the sky is the limit on the different

things we can test.

I want the world to know that Tulsa will continue to build a city to use evidence, data and evaluation to solve our greatest challenges. We are grasping the opportunity presented by innovation to build better communities for our neighbors and a path to a better future for us all.

# Voters Encouraged to Cast Ballots on June 26

## From Tulsa County

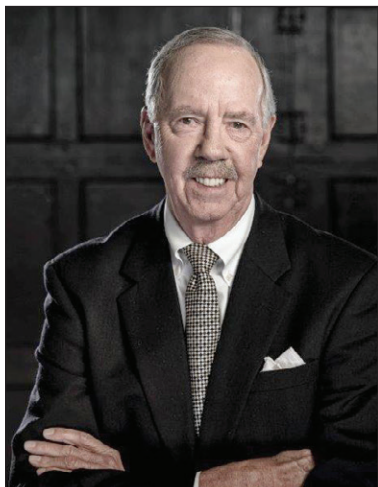
By RON PETERS  
Tulsa County Commissioner

Historically, there has been low voter participation in elections held during the summer. There are many reasons why voter turnout has been only a small percentage of registered voters.

Generally the reasons for low turnout are that people didn't know there was an election in the summer, they were out of town, there was nothing on the ballots that interested them, or they believed the summer election was just a primary vote and they would have another opportunity in November to cast the vote that really matters.

This year, the election on June 26 appears to be shaping up as one where voter interest and turnout is going to be higher than past summer elections. This is due, in part, to the large number of candidates running for federal, state and county offices and the number of open seats.

In looking at the more high profile races, voters will see on their ballots candidates running for Congressman, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and District Attorney. Some ballots will also include those running for District Court Judges, County Commissioner, County Assessor and



COMMISSIONER  
RON PETERS

State House and Senate. The future composition of all three branches of our governments begins to take shape with the primary election June 26.

Each voter will be given two ballots: one will have the Judge candidates and the question on medical marijuana and the other ballot will have all of the Federal, State, and County races.

The elected officials of Tulsa County want to encourage everyone registered to vote on June 26. Because a larger than usual turnout is expected, there is some important information from the Tulsa County Election Board that can help make the voting process run smoothly.

The Election Board has a very

well-designed and informative website that provides important information that can help in the voting process.

Some of the helpful information found on the website includes:

Information that everyone needs to know about proof of identity requirements for voting in Oklahoma and what you are required to show the poll workers.

If you have moved since you last voted, you may need to refer to the precinct locator to find your new voting location.

If you are going to be out of town on June 26 it's important to know the deadline and procedure for requesting an absentee ballot which must be requested by Wednesday, June 20.

To help manage the expected large influx of voters on election day there will be early voting on Thursday the 21st and Friday the 22nd from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, the 23rd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at both the Election Board and at the Hardisty Library.

Sample ballots: Some voters print

these off, complete them, and then take them on voting day. With lots of races and issues to decide, it makes completing the ballot at the polls goes faster. To find a sample ballot for your precinct, you need to go to the State Election Board website and look for the online voting tool.

Information on these and other issues regarding the elections can be found on the Election Board website at [www.tulsacounty.org/elections](http://www.tulsacounty.org/elections) or by calling the Election Board at 918-596-5780.

## Two Tulsa Blue Employees Honored

Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum recently presented Tulsa Blue certificates to City of Tulsa employees Rick Lisenbee and Gary McColphin for their outstanding service to their colleagues and the community during a special recognition ceremony at City Hall.

Tulsa Blue is an employee recognition program that honors City of Tulsa employees who go above and beyond the execution of their duties in serving their co-workers and Tulsa citizens. Blue is the dominant color in the City of Tulsa logo and symbolizes the extraordinary customer service that is demonstrated on a daily basis to Tulsa citizens and City coworkers alike by exemplary City of Tulsa employees.



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**HONOREES:** Gary McColphin, left, and Rick Lisenbee, right, with Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum after they were honored for their service to the city. McColphin serves as the Street Operations and Inspections Manager for the Streets & Stormwater Department and Lisenbee is the Water/Wastewater Asset Management Systems Manager.

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The June 26 Oklahoma Primary Election will allow voters to pick the nominees for various federal, state and county offices for November's General Election. State Question 788, which would legalize medical marijuana, is also on the Statewide Primary ballot. In primary races with more than two candidates where no one receives a majority of the votes, runoffs will be held Aug. 28.

Oklahoma's primary system is typically closed, meaning only those registered in the party can vote in the party's elections. But the law allows recognized parties to notify the State Election Board if they would like to let Independents vote in their primaries. Democrats have chosen to allow Independents to vote in their primaries and runoff primaries in 2018 and 2019. Independents cannot vote in Republican or Libertarian primaries.

Independent voters who want to vote a Democratic ballot will be able to request one at their polling location or by indicating they would like to receive such ballots via mail when they make an absentee ballot request.

Voters can check their party affiliation, polling place and other registration information, view a sample ballot and track absentee ballots using the Online Voter Tool on the State Election Board's website. It can be accessed at [elections.ok.gov](http://elections.ok.gov).



**GARY RICHARDSON AND FRIENDS:** Oklahoma gubernatorial candidate Gary Richardson entertained a poster of Donald and Melania Trump at the Tulsa State Fair last October. To the right is Sandy Richardson.



**JERRY GOODWIN:** Goodwin, director of communications at Morton Comprehensive Health Services, is running for Tulsa City Council District One. He is pictured with his campaign director, Stephanie Moore. He is also an assistant professor of communications at TCC and a member of the Oklahoma Eagle Newspaper family.



**KIMBERLY FOBBS:** Fobbs is running for Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner. She has experience with MetLife Insurance and has been chairwoman of the Tulsa County Democratic Party.



**MICK CORNETT:** Cornett, running for governor of Oklahoma, and the former mayor of Oklahoma City, with his wife, Terri, at a recent reception at the Summit Club in Tulsa.

## Day of Citizenship: Precinct Officials Needed

By **TERRY SIMONSON**  
Director of Governmental Affairs  
Tulsa County

When there is an election in Tulsa County, the Tulsa County Election Board is responsible for making sure the voting process is flawless. Preparing for a smooth process, which is free of any doubt about the integrity of the results, requires more than just properly working machines.

It primarily relies upon the precinct officials who are there from the time the polls open until they close.

In a sense, these workers are the glue to the process and the managers of the integrity. That is why the Election Board is concerned that we don't have enough citizens volunteering to serve as precinct officials in each of the precincts in Tulsa County.

Historically, precinct officials

have primarily been retired senior citizens because they have the time. But the availability of seniors has been diminishing, and this is why the Election Board is rightfully concerned that it has enough citizens on Election Day to man the polls.

Each precinct has three officials: the Inspector, the Judge, and the Clerk. Each has a specific duty in the voting process. To serve in these capacities requires a one

day training program at the Election Board.

Precinct officials are paid for their service on Election Day.

Perhaps it's time for our business community to consider how they can help with the importance of these responsibilities.

Just as our business community has recognized the importance of the Day of Caring by allowing their employees to volunteer one day helping others, we also

need to have a Day of Citizenship where businesses would allow employees to serve as precinct officials with no loss of pay or loss of personal leave time.

If an employee is allowed to participate as a precinct official without a loss of pay, the money they receive from the Election Board could be returned to their employer who in turn could pledge this money to a nonprofit agency of their choice.

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## VARIETY

# Tulsa's Summer Shows Attract Star Power

## Multiple Venues Offer Diverse Talent in June, July

Have you ever wondered what qualities make a star? The entertainment business is famously competitive, with few spots open at the top. Why do some performers strike gold when most do not?

In researching the celebs who are slated to appear locally, it occurred to me that talents like country singer Darius Rucker, rapper Pitbull and jazz artist Diana Krall, while diverse in what they offer, share essential traits. Their commonality, I believe, is that they're uncommonly savvy if not simply brilliant.

Raised in a fatherless home, Darius Rucker at one time shared a three-bedroom house with his mother, two aunts, grandmother and 13 other children. He focused on singing from a young age and found a way to shine. You might remember him as the lead singer and guitarist for Hootie & the Blowfish.

Like many stars with staying power — think Madonna and Lady Gaga — he reinvented himself. Leaving his rock roots behind, he brought his rich baritone voice to country music. Successful black country artists are rare. Building on his past success, Darius Rucker found a niche and filled it. "When Was the Last Time" is Rucker's latest album, released in October 2017. He'll cover music from that album and perform other hits at the River Spirit Casino Resort, June 21.

I enjoy rap music. My appreciation began with the exceedingly talented Eminem. He can rhyme and rap without missing a beat, and his songs are as clever as they are provocative. I think Cuban-American rapper Pitbull, also known as "Mr. Worldwide," is comparably skilled. What he's made of his talent is monumental. The son of two Cuban-born parents who split early, he spent time in a foster home and managed to pull his life together. His raw talent, motivation and instinct for what to do with what he has, made him a music-world standout. He's collaborated with the industry's biggest names, produced number one hits in 15 countries and logged 10 billion YouTube/VEVO views. "Don't Stop the Party," "Get It Started," "I Know You Want Me," and "Bon, Bon" are a few of this dapper rapper's hits. See him at River Spirit's Paradise Cove, July 9. Another big draw at the Casino Resort will be Culture Club and The B-52s on July 12.

Jazz talent Diana Krall was born in a small Canadian town and showed prodigious talent at the piano early on. We know her mostly as a singer, but she only started singing at the encouragement of Ray Brown. Her husky voice paired well with her exceptional piano talent and the combination skyrocketed her

to stardom. She's always struck me as being introverted, very complex and smart. A big fan of her music, I saw Krall perform at the 25th anniversary of the Montreal Jazz Festival and later again in Oklahoma City. A jazz lover will appreciate her "Live in Paris" CD as well as her latest, "Turn Up the Quiet," which is the name of her tour. The new CD features jazz standards that were selected and arranged by Krall. I'm looking forward to hearing her and the phenomenal musicians that accompany her in concert June 27 at the Tulsa PAC.

Also about town, The Joint at the Hard Rock Casino gives us something to smile about with comic George Lopez, June 16; the band Kansas, July 1; and Donnie and Marie, July 8.

Continuing its 10-year anniversary season, the BOK Center hosts the return of

The Eagles, June 17. One of the most popular bands of all time, The Eagles opened the BOK a decade ago. Coming our way on July 3, the English rock band Bush plays at the Brady Theater.

SummerStage has been a staple at the Tulsa PAC for as long as I can remember. This year will be the last for SummerStage, which focuses on local talent. I encourage you to check out the full roster of shows on the PAC's website, but jazz fan that I am, I want to mention "Janet Rutland Sings Gershwin," June 14-15 and Cynthia Simmons' "Love in Concert," June 23. These two women are consummate performers.

The final show in Celebrity Attractions' 2017-18 season is one I have been waiting for, "An American in Paris," with music and lyrics of George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin. Playing at the Tulsa PAC June 19-24, the musical is based on the beloved 1951 film starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. Dance world luminary Christopher Wheeldon adapted it and directed and choreographed the show. Tulsans may have seen Wheeldon's work performed by Tulsa Ballet. He is a dance master of the first order and this is his Broadway baby. "An American in Paris" takes place in post-World War II and centers on the romance between an American soldier and a French girl. A showcase for great costumes and timeless music, this production won four 2015 Tony Awards, among many other honors. I expect to be swept off my feet by the dance and romance.

The stars come out in June and July, but whether you are drawn to a Broadway blockbuster, a big-name singer or an intimate show featuring our brilliant local talent, I hope you will seek out live entertainment this summer.

### Show Buzz



By NANCY HERMANN



**DAPPER RAPPER:** Pitbull performs at River Spirit Casino Resort on July 9.



**THE EAGLES:** The BOK Center's first act returns to the BOK Center on June 17 to mark the venue's 10th anniversary.



**DIANA KRALL:** The singer and pianist performs beloved jazz classics at the Tulsa PAC on June 27.



**DARIUS RUCKER:** The rocker turned country star appears in Tulsa on June 21.



**AN AMERICAN IN PARIS:** With music from the Gershwins and directed and choreographed by dance world superstar Christopher Wheeldon, this Celebrity Attractions presentation comes to the Tulsa PAC June 19-24.

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# This Festival is Your Festival: Woodyfest in Okemah

"Hey, Woody Guthrie, where are ya? We could sure use you once more. Hey, Woody Guthrie, where are ya? The big dogs are back at the door."

— From "Woody Guthrie" by Leftover Salmon

The relevance of that song will never diminish. There will never come a time when we couldn't use a guy who says things like, "One true love commander can turn the universes of hate into heaven-roads and byways of love, love, love."

It's a bit out of character for me to begin a column quoting a non-local band, but the subject matter of the Leftover Salmon song, written by Vince Herman, is my justification. Woody Guthrie is, without question, the most famous and influential musician/songwriter Oklahoma has ever produced. And we could sure use him once more.

An advocate for fairness, outspoken against political corruption and fascism, it was Woody Guthrie, along with Pete Seeger, Millard Lampell, Lee Hays and a handful of loosely-knit musicians known as the Almanac Singers, who established folk music as a commercially viable genre in the early 1940s.

Guthrie's influence is interna-

tional and genre defying. Musicians from Bruce Springsteen to Chinese Punk rockers PK14 have praised Guthrie as an inspiration. Bob Dylan once said, "You can listen to Woody Guthrie songs and actually learn how to live." He

has been credited with more than 1,000 songs spanning four decades. Woodyguthrie.org lists 98 bands and musicians that have recently recorded Guthrie songs, and the list is far from comprehensive.

Guthrie passed away in 1967, so "Hey Woody Guthrie, where are ya?" is obviously not literal. It's questioning the whereabouts of the spirit and philosophy of the folk hero, and the best answer to that question is Okemah, Oklahoma, July 11-15.

The Woody Guthrie Folk Festival, better known as Woodyfest, is a three-day celebration of Guthrie's music and philosophy in his home town of Okemah, about 65 miles southwest of Tulsa. The festival, which began in 1997 and coincides as closely as possible with Guthrie's July 14 birthday, will feature more than 90 acts this year.

A grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council allowed the festival to fulfill the wish of the Guthrie family by making the festival free for the first 17 years. In 2015, finan-

cial struggles made it necessary to charge admission at two of the four venues, while still providing free music at the other two. Musicians donate their time and are only compensated for travel and lodging expenses.

To help keep attendance fees at a minimum, the festival begins with a Wednesday night fundraising concert benefitting the Woody Guthrie Coalition and its "efforts to preserve Guthrie's legacy and to bring the best music to Woodyfest."

This year, Joel Rafael with John Trudell's Bad Dog start things off Wednesday, July 11 at The Crystal Theatre from 8 – 10 p.m. Jacob Tovar is playing the post show, a free concert from 10 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Beginning Thursday, July 12 at 11 a.m., it's wall to wall music for three days featuring Turnpike Troubadours, Red Dirt Rangers, John Fullbright, Randy Crouch, Sam Baker, Chris Blevins, and about 85 more. Check out woodyfest.org/schedule for all the who and when.

Guthrie believed passionately in inclusiveness and making music accessible to all. In that spirit, several festival performers gather each year and visit local retirement community centers, bringing music to the people in a way that would certainly make Okemah's native son proud. Last year, artists performed to roughly 130 inbound Okemah community members, and there are plans to expand that effort this year.

In addition to music, the festival features poetry reading, songwriting workshops, open mic opportunities, a pancake breakfast, and several activities for kids, including a harmonica class and songwriting competition.

Despite the July heat in central



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**BOUND FOR GLORY:** Native American sculptor Dan Brook cast this bronze statue of Guthrie and his guitar which stands in a small park in the heart of downtown Okemah, Guthrie's home town. The Woody Guthrie Coalition commissioned the statue for the first Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in 1998. This year, the festival, which is now better known as Woodyfest, is expected to draw more than 10,000 people and features more than 90 acts across four venues July 11-15.

Oklahoma, the festival is expected to draw more than 10,000 people from across the country and as far away as Scotland and Denmark. So, what is it exactly that makes Okemah a destination for so many even in the oppressive heat of July? Maybe the words of Woody Guthrie can explain it:

"Music is a tone of voice, the sound life uses to keep the living alive. They call us back many times a day from the brinks of tor-

ture — the holes of superstition. There never was a sound that was not music — there's no real trick of creating words to set to music — once you realize that the word is the music and the people are the song."

Well said, Woody. Come be part of the song at Woodyfest this year and find that sound life uses to keep us alive: the sound that inspires us to keep searching, keep listening.

## Searching for The Sound



By BRYAN CANTRELL

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**DIANE HAMBRIC'S GARDEN:** Due to popular demand, the Tulsa Master Gardeners brought back the Showcase Garden Tour recently. The tour allows locals to explore some of Tulsa's most beautiful backyard gardens. One garden featured on the tour is at the home of South Tulsa resident

and Master Gardener, Diane Hambric, pictured above. Her amazing landscape is full of annuals and perennials. Fifty years ago, Hambric's father, Joe Hamra, who was a contractor in Tulsa, built a family home and designed a garden, which continues to be an inspiration even today. Of Lebanese de-

scent, Hamra gathered a collection of specialized plants that are still loved and cared for by the family. On Hambric's one-acre property is a 45-year-old fig tree and grapevine that originated in Lebanon. The traveling grapevine has been in this gardener's family in the U.S. for 110 years.



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**ST. JOHN STREET PARTY:** The recent 2018 St. John Street Party celebrated 25 years. From left are Hastings and Dianne Siegfried, patron chairs; Lucky Lamons, president of the St. John Foundation; Michael L. Mullins, Ministry Market executive for St. John Health System; Lindsey Helmerich, DDS; and Isaac Helmerich, event chairs. Guests enjoyed food tastings from more than 60 of Tulsa's local restaurants, food trucks and caterers, wine tasting, and live music from Charlie Redd and the Full Flava Kings.

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

# Fab Lab Tulsa Unveils 3D Printer for Health Care

*Blue Cross and Blue Shield Of Oklahoma Provides Grant*

*PCB Milling Machine Also Purchased*

Fab Lab Tulsa has unveiled a new, innovative 3D printer that has the potential to change the way medical students study human anatomy by printing specific anatomically correct body parts through technology and design.

The FormLabs SLA Form 2 3D printer was purchased through a Healthy Kids, Healthy Families grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBSOK) and offers instructional programming with an emphasis on medical applications for first- and second-year medical students.

In addition to the 3D printer, a new 3-axis PCB milling machine was also purchased. The machine delivers automatic measuring and precision and will be used to foster invention and entrepreneurship, with the hope of discovering advances in the health care field.



**HIGH TECH:** Mitch Mitchell, lab assistant of Fab Lab Tulsa, demonstrates how the 3-axis PCB milling machine delivers automatic measuring and precision to help medical students study anatomy. The machine will be used to foster invention and entrepreneurship, with the hope of discovering advances in the health care field.

### About Fab Lab Tulsa

The Hardesty Center for Fab Lab Tulsa is an IRS qualified 501(c)(3) tax exempt, not-for-profit entity located in the Kendall-Whittier neighborhood of Tulsa at 710 S. Lewis Ave. Fab Lab Tulsa delivers education, community and business programming that teaches innovation, design-thinking, problem-solving

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**3D FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS:** Nathan Pritchett, executive director, of Fab Lab Tulsa, unveils 3D printing technology to help medical students study anatomy more closely. Both machines pictured were purchased through a Healthy Kids, Healthy Families grant from Blue Cross Blue and Shield of Oklahoma.

the United States. Furthermore, it is one of the top labs globally in terms of leadership, organization, support, size and capabilities, and an excellent example of the impact a fab lab can make on a community.

### About Healthy Kids, Healthy Families

The Healthy Kids, Healthy

Families (HKHF) initiative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma invests in and partners with non-profit organizations that offer sustainable, measurable programs to reach children and their families in the following areas: nutrition, physical activity, disease prevention and management and supporting safe environments.

## American Red Cross Needs Donors

As part of an international movement, the American Red Cross has launched the Missing Types campaign to recruit new blood donors – and those who have not given recently – to ensure lifesaving blood is available for patients.

During the Missing Types campaign, the letters A, B and O – the main blood groups – will disappear from brands, social media pages, signs and websites to illustrate the critical role every blood donor plays. When the letters A, B and O vanish from everyday life, the gaps are striking. And when A, B and O blood types are missing from hospital shelves, patient care could be impacted.

“Unfortunately, blood shortages still happen and the number of new Red Cross blood donors is shrinking each year,” says Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Blood Services. “That’s why the Red Cross is asking those who have never donated blood and those who haven’t given in a while to make a lifesaving donation. You are the missing type patients need.”

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. But for the past four years, new Red Cross donors have declined by about 80,000 each year. This is not just a Red Cross trend, but a challenge blood collection organizations face across the country and around the world.

Donating blood is a simple process and only takes about an hour from start to finish. The American Red Cross asks the public not to wait until the letters A, B and O go missing from hospital shelves. Join the #MissingType movement today – make an appointment to give blood by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/MissingTypes, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

A recent survey, conducted on behalf of the Red Cross, revealed a troubling disconnect between the public’s perception of blood donations and the realities of patient transfusion needs.

Three-quarters (74 percent) of the public underestimate how frequently blood transfusions occur. Most

people perceive blood is needed in the U.S. every 15 minutes or even every hour or two hours when in fact, every two seconds, someone in this country needs blood.

Nearly half of the public (45 percent) know someone who has been helped by a blood transfusion. Yet, only three percent of the U.S. population donates each year.

More than one-third (35 percent) of the public has never considered that blood may not be available when they or a loved one need it. Blood shortages are not uncommon in the United States and can only be prevented when more people roll up a sleeve to give.

More than half (53 percent) of the public believe they need to know their blood type to donate. However, potential blood donors do not need to know their blood type before giving blood. After individuals give blood, the Red Cross provides each donor their blood type. By joining the #MissingType movement, donors can find out their blood type this summer.



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## EDUCATION

# TCC Student Recognized for Food Pantry Work

Joseph Mason uses his voice to be a public problem solver by leading the discussion about food security issues facing his fellow classmates at Tulsa Community College. Mason helped establish a campus food pantry at the TCC Metro Campus and participated in a community Sustainability Conference in an effort to unify both campus and local communities to reduce food insecurity.

Now, Mason is one of 268 college students from across the country to be named a 2018 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow. The award recognizes and supports community-committed students who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country.

"Not only did Mason help establish the campus food pantry, but he continues to volunteer each week to ensure that access to adequate food isn't a barrier to student success," said TCC President & CEO

Leigh B. Goodson, Ph.D. in his nomination letter. "He understands that access to a nutritious diet can have a large impact on an individual's ability to be successful."

As a Newman Civic Fellow, Mason will take part in a year-long program emphasizing personal, professional, and civic growth. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities, including a national conference of Newman Civic Fellows in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

"As an environmental science major, Mason actively works to improve communities through the growth and distribution of food. His work extends to the community as a volunteer garden coordinator at the Tipton Community Garden where he instructs local residents on how to grow their own produce," said Goodson.

Mason plans to graduate December 2018 from TCC and transfer to OSU to complete a bachelor's degree in natural resource and ecology management with a focus on research in sustainability pertaining to food production and ecological restorative processes.

As a Newman Civic Fellow, the fellowship provides Mason with access to apply for exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate and engage with such an extraordinary group of students," said Campus Compact President Andrew Seligsohn. "The stories of this year's Newman Civic Fellows make clear that they are bringing people together in their communities to solve pressing problems."

The fellowship is named in honor of Frank Newman, one of Campus Compact's founders, and is supported by the KPMG Foundation and by the Newman's Own Foundation.



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**NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW:** Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glenn Johnson, right, and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chair Dr. Ronald H White present Joseph Mason with a certificate recognizing him as a 2018 Newman Civic Fellow. He is one of 12 Oklahoma college students to receive the award.



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ment that Oral Roberts University and the entire technology team, with our award-winning vendors like Carousel Industries and Ellucian, are truly world-class. With just four universities and colleges named as CIO 100 Award winners, I am proud to say that ORU has one of the most visionary teams in higher education. I am pleased to work alongside the entire executive team and information technology team at ORU to reach the heights that three years ago were just a dream."

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By **DR. STEVE TIGER**  
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**PIT CREW:** Students in Tulsa Tech's Automotive Maintenance Light Repair program learn to troubleshoot basic automotive electrical systems.

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**DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER:** Jan Schlichtmann, center, was the speaker at a recent Richard B. Risk CLE Practicum Series Lecture at the University of Tulsa. His talk was titled "Justice & The Lawyer - Lessons from the Environmental Wars." At left is Richard B. Risk and at right is Lyn Entzeroth, dean of the TU College of Law and Dean John Rogers Endowed Chair. One of Schlichtmann's cases, *Anderson v. Cryovac, Inc.*, was documented in the book "A Civil Action" and was turned into a film of the same name, starring John Travolta as Jan Schlichtmann.

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## UNION EDUCATION

# Kendall Cotter, Alexander Majed Named Union H. S. Seniors of the Month for May

Kendall Cotter and Alexander Majed have been named the May Seniors of the Month for Union High School. Cotter is the daughter of John and Jamie Cotter, and Shay Cotter all of Tulsa. Majed is the son of Ahmad and Betty Majed of Broken Arrow.

Cotter is active in volleyball, serves as leader of MESH and vice president for the UHype Crew, and volunteers with the Food Bank and Global Gardens. She hopes to attend Baylor University and major in biology. She also plans to attend graduate school and specialize in genetics to pursue a career in genetic research.

Majed is active in track, which won the 6A Regional Championship, swimming, and has volunteered for a number of high school events such as Space Jam and schedule pick-ups. He was on the 2017 TCC Dean's Honor Roll and the Union Athletic Honors All A list. Other honors include the University of Tulsa Commitment Award. He is a member of Union Marine Aquarium Club, Club Scrubs and volunteers with the Tulsa Humane Society. He hopes to attend the University of Tulsa and pursue a degree in biology and later become a veterinary researcher.



KENDALL COTTER



ALEXANDER MAJED

## Union 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Qualifies for Duke Program

### *Cameron Sarey Joins Prestigious Talent Search*

Cameron Sarey, a seventh-grade student at Union Public School's 6th & 7th Grade Center, was invited to join the Duke University Talent Identification Program's prestigious 7th Grade Talent Search, which was held at the University of Tulsa on May 23.

Each year, Duke TIP identifies a group of academically talented

students in the United States based on their exceptional grade-level standardized test scores: only those who score at or above the 95th percentile qualify. Those students are invited to participate in the 7th Grade Talent Search and to take the ACT or SAT, which are designed for college-bound 11th and 12th grade students. Taking



CAMERON SAREY

an above-grade-level test is an experience that allows these gifted seventh graders to more accurately gauge their academic abilities and potential, as they need more advanced examinations than they find in their grade level.

Participants in the 7th Grade Talent Search also receive a variety of support services and gain access to research and other information about using their academic abilities more effectively.

#### About TIP

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## OU-Tulsa Hires Union Alum as Diversity Director

The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa has hired Union alum Abril Marshall as its first director of diversity and inclusion. In the role, Marshall will oversee all of the campus' diversity and inclusion efforts, including the OU-Tulsa Equality Coalition. Marshall brings a wealth of experience to the university. He was previously the Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator for Camp Fire, a youth development nonprofit, where he worked with local LGBTQ youth to provide them with resources and leadership training. Marshall holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

While in Kansas, he was on the board of the Peace & Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas and co-authored the book *African-Americans of Wichita* with the Kansas African American Museum. He currently serves on the Mayor's Racial Equity Advisory Council.



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## UNION SPORTS

# Union Redskins Celebrate Baseball Championship

By MIKE MOGUIN

Union Boundary Sports Writer

Union closed a memorable season when it dished out a 3-2 upset victory against Westmoore in the Class 6A state baseball championship final in May at Johnson Stadium on the campus of Oral Roberts University.

The title came as a surprise to many. The Redskins (25-12) were not expected to even be in the final, and Westmoore (33-6) appeared to be the best team on paper.

"(Being underdogs) really does (make winning state more special), because I know a lot of people didn't have us favored to win, and it motivates you so much more," said senior Landen Wood, who was in on some crucial plays in the game. "Being an underdog is so much fun. You love silencing the crowd."

Acting as the home team, Union rallied from a 2-0 deficit to tie the score with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. After a single from Wood, Evan Jones made the winning hit as he smacked a fastball into deep left-centerfield, permitting courtesy runner Braden White to score the game-winning run.

"It was like, 'Man! We just won state.' Just to win it with my guys was awesome," Jones said.

Just staying relaxed and having fun, Jones believes, was the key to making the hit.

"I walked up there after Landon's hit. I just looked at myself and thought, 'Man, you have to have fun right here.' Coach (Shawn) Newkirk told me to 'Just keep believing and have fun. Baseball is a fun game,' and I just went up there and was just lucky enough to hit it in the gap."

It was Union's first state championship on the diamond since 2010 and seventh in school history.



Courtesy photo

**NUMBER ONE:** The Union Redskins celebrate a state championship in baseball after a 3-2 win over Westmoore in the Class 6A final.

Behind the pitching of senior Karsten Boudreau, the Redskins kept Westmoore off the scoreboard until the seventh inning. But Union could not get any runs either, so it was scoreless up unto that point.

The Jaguars got two runs on two walks and two hit-batsmen. With the bases loaded and one out, senior Tyler Fisher was sent in relief of Boudreau.

Fisher said he felt a burden on his shoulders when he entered the game.

"I felt like I really had to step up and I didn't want to let my teammates down," he said. "I didn't want to give up any more runs. All I knew that I could do was throw strikes and let my defense work and it worked for me."

Fisher only had to throw one pitch to end the side as Wood completed a double-play from centerfield. After catching a fly ball, Wood threw toward infield, forcing out a Westmoore runner trying to score from third base. Westmoore's at-bat was over.

As Union went to bat in the bottom side, it loaded the bases with a pair of hits and a walk on one out. Fisher would be in on a key play again. He hit the ball and reached first on a throwing error that prevented a double-play, which would have ended the game for Westmoore. Instead, Fisher was on first base and two runs scored to tie the game at 2-2.

"Whenever I hit that ball, I was thinking that it was a double play," Fisher said. "But I don't think that

I have ever run any harder toward first base than I had then. Knowing if that was going to be my last at-bat or last out in the game, I wanted to leave it all out there and that's why I slid into first base. If I was going to end the game, Westmoore had earned it, and I just wanted to leave it out there."

Then came Wood's hit.

"I just knew that I got the pitch that I liked, just to take it to the left side of the field," said Wood, who will be playing at Johnson County Community College in Kansas. "Because I'm left-handed, my approach is to hit it to the left side of the field because that works best for me personally as a hitter."

That led up to Jones' winning hit.

"It's just great," Jones said. "We get a big picture up in the indoor (hitting facility) that will be there for years and years to come. It's just a great feeling. A long-awaited state championship is fun."

"To be a part of something that will always be remembered is so unbelievable," Fisher said. "Our names won't be forgotten. It's incredible. It really is."

**Next issue: Union Soccer!**

On the same day out in Sand Springs, the Union boys' soccer team would win their championship with a 4-0 shut-out of rival Jenks, capping off an unbeaten season under first-year coach Michael Wilson. A story will run in the next issue.

## Union's Michiah McQuarters Signs with RSU

### Redskin Grad Named Top 100 Player in Oklahoma Basketball

Rogers State head men's basketball coach Justin Barkley announced the addition of Union High School Graduate Michiah McQuarters as the third student-athlete in the 2018 men's basketball signing class. McQuarters will be a freshman for the navy and red basketball team in the 2018-19 season.

"We feel like we landed a great piece this spring when Michiah decided to join our program," Barkley says. "Michiah is a young man I enjoyed watching from last summer through his senior year. His improvement over a short period of time was remarkable. His

best days of basketball are still ahead of him. Michiah has great character and has served on leadership groups while at Union. He has a lot of qualities we value here at Rogers State."

During his prep career, the 6-4 guard was named a Top 100 Player in the state of Oklahoma by VYPE Magazine. As a senior, he averaged 15.5 points per game in Oklahoma 6A, the highest classification of Oklahoma high school basketball, at Union. McQuarters was ranked No. 12 in the state of Oklahoma by the Oklahoma Hoops Report. He was named an All-Star selection from both the Oklahoma Prep

Hoops and Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association. He picked up Academic All-Conference honors during his time at Union.

The Hillcat men's basketball team went 18-11 in the 2017-18 season, including an 11-3 record at the Claremore Expo Center. RSU advanced to postseason play for the second time in its two years as full members of NCAA Division II with an appearance in the Heartland Conference Tournament.



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**PROUD FAMILY:** Michiah McQuarters with his family during the signing with Rogers State at Union High School.

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## SPORTS

# TU Women Best in Conference Softball, Rowing

The University of Tulsa women softball and rowing teams were champions in their respective sports this spring in the American Athletic Conference.

Emily Watson allowed just an unearned run on three hits with eight strikeouts as Tulsa defeated top-seeded USF, 4-1, to claim its third straight American Athletic Conference Championship at the USF Softball Stadium.

The University of Tulsa's Varsity 8 Boat claimed the first American Athletic Conference Boat of the Year nod in program history following voting by the conference's head coaches.

In softball, for the second straight season, Watson was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player. The senior pitched all 21 innings for the Golden Hurricane (33-23) and went 3-0, out-dueling all three pitchers who were named to the all-conference first team, with a 0.33 ERA and a tournament-record 36 strikeouts.

Watson was joined on the All-Tournament Team by Julia Hollingsworth, Morgan Neal and Haley Meinen and closed her career in the American Championship with a perfect 6-0 record, a 0.17 ERA and 68 strikeouts in 42 innings of work.

In rowing, the Golden Hurricane crew with positions listed, consists of Hannah Vissers (Bow), Sophia Camara (2), Paige Hallam (3), Lauren Vander Hoeven (4), Veronique Ulrich (5), Lucy Coleman (6), Eleanor Russell (7), Helen Leigh (Stroke) and Samantha Barber (cox). They earned several noteworthy placements during the course of the season, twice earning conference Boat of the Week accolades.



Courtesy University of Tulsa

## BEST IN ROWING



Courtesy University of Tulsa

**BOAT OF THE YEAR:** The University of Tulsa rowing team claimed the first American Athletic Conference Boat of the Year nod in program history following voting by the conference's head coaches.

At the Sunshine State Invitational April 6-7, Tulsa placed first and second on back-to-back days in the eight-team field. The first-place finish came via a 6:26.90 time to top the race that included eventual American Champions UCF, Clemson, Miami, SMU, Jacksonville, North Carolina and Stetson.

The crew then earned its second

Boat of the Week honor in as many weeks following a standout performance at the Clemson Invitational April 13-14. In the B Final, the Golden Hurricane powered to a 6:21.85 time, defeating the likes of three teams receiving votes in the week's CRCA/US Rowing Coaches Poll (Louisville, UCLA, Minnesota).



Photo by BEN SOLOMAN

## BEST IN SOFTBALL




Photo by BEN SOLOMAN

**SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS:** From left, senior captains Ashley Kiser, Shelby Estocado, Emily Watson and Shannon Hughes proudly display the American Athletic Conference championship trophy.

Tulsa capped the regular season with its 11th straight Lawless Cup victory over Creighton, and headed into the American Championships on May 12 as the top-seeded crew in the Varsity 8. The Golden Hurricane secured second-place in the event in 7:02.33, less than three seconds behind winner UCF. The

performance carried Tulsa to a second-place team finish for the fourth-straight year.

Four members of the Varsity 8 crew, including Russell (First Team), Vissers (First Team), Barber (Second Team) and Leigh (Second Team) were tabbed to the 2018 All-Conference teams following the Championship.



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# Bishop Kelley Wins 5A Baseball Championship

By MIKE MOGUIN  
GTR Sports Writer

Bishop Kelley capped off a memorable season with the Class 5A state baseball title after beating Pryor 7-2 in the championship game in May at Johnson Stadium on the Oral Roberts University campus.

The victory marked the Comets' first title since 2011 and sixth in school history.

Players who impacted the Comets' title consisted of junior pitcher Ben Gross, who came in in relief in the first inning, seniors Ryan Gendron, an Oklahoma State signee, and Joel Christener.

The pitching of Gross and the Comets' defense highlighted the game. Gross relieved starter Jack Griffin in the first inning and threw for 5 1/3 innings, allowing one run on four hits and three walks.

What enabled Gross to have a solid outing, he says, was being able to stay calm, not get caught up in the moment and play the game as if it were another day in baseball.

"It really felt great, having the coaches' trust and knowing that they trust me in those kind of moments, is a pretty good feeling," Gross says.

During that first inning which Gross took the mound, Pryor had taken a 1-0 lead on an RBI single. It would hold until the top of the third.

"I would say I was a little bit nervous," says Christener, who played centerfield. "But, I knew we definitely had the team to come back."

Christener, who finished the day at 2-for-4 at the plate with two runs and two runs batted in, put Kelley ahead with a two-run sin-

gle and Cooper McMurray drove in another run with a base hit.

"I would say just going up there with confidence was what led to me getting that hit," Christener says.

Kelley was up 3-1, but the Tigers answered in the bottom frame with a double and an RBI single.

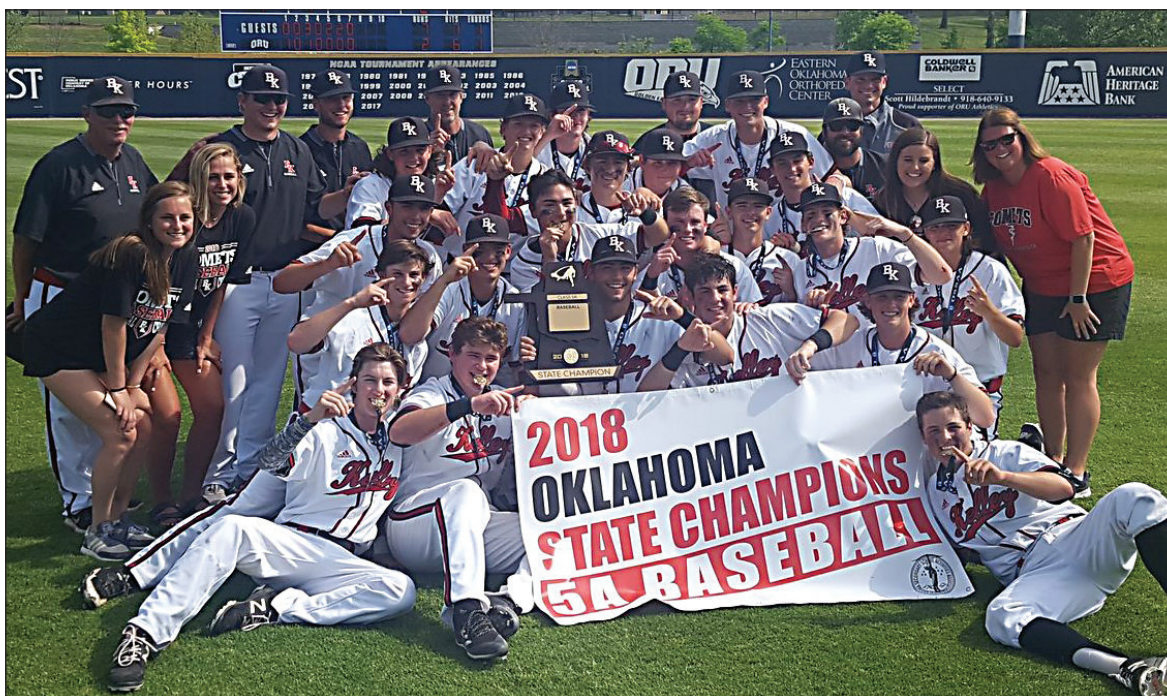
Gendron, playing short stop, would add a two-run single in the fifth to make it 5-2. He and Jordan Redmon added two more runs on bases-loaded walks in the sixth. There would be no more scoring.

"(Winning state) means a lot," says Gendron, who batted 1-of-3 with three RBI's. "It is something I have dreamed of all four years of high school. Obviously, that's the ultimate goal, to win a state championship and for it to come true is really awesome. We've been working hard for it all year and it's just really cool that we came in and got it."

"It was unbelievable, honestly," Christener says. "Running in (to the dog pile) and hearing the fans cheering us in the stands was awesome. It was like Holy Cow! We just did this! We won a state championship! It was awesome!"

Gendron, whose dad, Jonnie, was also a standout for Kelley in baseball and basketball, agreed that winning state was good preparation for his journey to Oklahoma State.

"In any sport you play, your goals are to win championships," says Jonnie Gendron. "Obviously, at the next level, the goal is to win the (College) World Series at Omaha (annual site of the College World Series). It's just a good experience to have big moments like that to prepare for the future."



Courtesy Bishop Kelley High School

**NUMBER ONE:** Bishop Kelley players celebrate winning the Oklahoma Class 5A state baseball title on May 12 at ORU.

Two factors impacted Gendron's decision to join the Cowboys.

"Definitely the coaches and being close to home," he says. "I love all the coaches out there. I visited as a sophomore (when at Bishop Kelley) and from the beginning, OSU made me feel really comfortable and it just felt like home. I loved it. It is only an hour way from Tulsa. So, it's just really nice that my family will be able to come in and watch me play as well."

Gendron chose OSU over Arkansas, Oklahoma and Wichita State.

Christener will also be attending OSU, though he will not be playing baseball. He is looking forward to going out to watch and

support his Kelley teammate.

"I think he'll (Gendron) do very well at OSU," Christener says.

Three days after winning state, Kelley's coach, Brian Begnel, announced his retirement. The Comets named Jeff Scardino, a 2006 BK graduate, to lead the program.

"I don't think we're going to have too much of a problem," says Gross, who returns next year as a senior. I think we're going to do a pretty good job of changing that whole coaching aspect and be able to adjust to what (Scardino) wants to do with us.

More state champs from Kelley and other private schools

A story on Kelley repeating as state champions in boys' soccer

will appear in the July issue. The school also had state champions in boys' tennis. Other Tulsa area private school achieved spring sports state championships as well. Metro Christian and Regent Prep won team and individual titles respectively in girls' tennis and boys golf. Cascia Hall also produced individual medalists in both sports. Highlights will be in the story.

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# Tulsa Sports and Performance Center Opens

By GLENN HIBDON  
GTR Sports Writer

Sports facilities in Green Country took a giant leap forward on Memorial Day with the opening of the Tulsa Sports and Performance Center.

"There is nothing like it anywhere," says General Manager Stan Liedel. "We are the only combined indoor and outdoor facility regionally and we're in the center of the Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Texas area. Usually, people from Tulsa have to go Kansas City, Dallas or Little Rock for tournaments. Now, we're in the hub."

The complex features two locations. Nineteen soccer and lacrosse fields are open at 9850 S. Elwood Ave. in Jenks with the indoor arena at 101 E. 81st St. in Tulsa cutting the ribbon on May 28. Eight basketball courts can be converted into 16 volleyball courts and there are two indoor soccer fields, a health club and an athletic performance center. The facility will also host parties, camps and clinics.

Twelve outdoor soccer-lacrosse fields are also available at the 191,000 square foot side at the 81st Street facility. Combined, the project covers 125 acres.

"All we've got to do is some work on the elevator, landscaping, touching up the paint, finishing the parking lot and small detail stuff," says Liedel. "We should be done this summer."

"Our courts are open, but we are a little behind schedule. We were hoping to open in mid-winter, but we didn't make it. We wish we could have opened to capitalize on winter business, but it was due to weather related stuff."

The building kicked off with training activities taking center



**INDOOR ACTION:** Tulsa Sports and Performance Center General Manager Stan Liedel, left, with Coach and GM of Sports Performance and Health Services Jeff Pace at the Titan Sports indoor facility at 101 E. 81st St. in Tulsa just north of Jenks. The indoor facility can house almost any type of indoor sport. The Titan Sports logo is displayed on the garment of the coach in the background.

stage, along with volleyball performance camps. Requiring more than \$20 million to build, the project features 16 investors forming a limited liability corporation. The Tulsa area economy is expected to benefit by more than \$6 million annually.

"Preschoolers to big leaguers will be training here," Liedel says. "Our coach who has the training center has a big following of major leaguers who will train here during the offseason. We should have district and regional high school basketball and volleyball tournaments and every major soccer tournament."

Liedel says it's all about location, location, location. If anyone doubts it, just ask him.

"We have the perfect location," he insists. "We're close enough to restaurants and hotels and we

hope to host one million visitors in year one. We serve any sport, but mainly soccer and lacrosse. Several local soccer clubs and our own lacrosse club practice here. We're mainly for youth, but we do have adult clubs. The Tulsa Roughnecks also have plans to use the site as a training facility."

Liedel says the idea for Titan came from parents whose children play several different sports that require frequent out of town travel for tournaments. The GM represents the head of day-to-day operations for Titan. He has a retail background covering 24 years and coached youth sports for 20 years.

"Our company goal is more about education and the training of athletes, parents and coaches," says Liedel. "We have an education center to help prevent injuries and help coaches and referees



**OUTDOOR FIELDS:** The Titan Sports South Field houses 19 soccer and Lacrosse fields. It is located at 9850 S. Elwood Ave. in Jenks.

learn about the sports they are doing. We want to bring athletes up the proper way and our performance training center teaches kids how to stretch and not get injured. We focus on conditioning."

Titan Sports and Performance Center has secured a three-year agreement with most of the local soccer, basketball and volleyball clubs. Anyone can rent the facility for independent competition or training.

"Our goal is to bring as many people as possible through our programs," says Liedel. "We have something for everybody, the whole family. Parents can drop off their kids for soccer and then go to the health club. They can drop them off for karate and join an indoor soccer league."

"Seniors can play pickleball. It's a fast growing sport, something

like tennis or badminton, but you don't have to move as much. You use a wooden paddle and a whiffle-like ball and a smaller court. We also have futsal. It's a little like indoor soccer using a weighted ball. It's popular in Asia and South America."

Other sports offered include ultimate frisbee and NFL flag football. Leagues for preschools introduce them to ball sports. One day basketball is featured and then baseball or kickball, etc. Approximately 50 employees handle the programs along with a certified strength and conditioning coach.

Jeff Pace is the general manager of performance and health, Don Ryan the director of field sports, Janna Green is the assistant GM and director of courts and Rusty Laubach director of facilities.

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## THE ECONOMY

# First State Investment Offers ‘Gold Chip Philosophy’

*Sid Shupack Founded Company in 1971*

## Individuals Receive Custom-Tailored Advice

By **LARRY LEVY**  
Contributing Writer

Retirement planning is a daunting task, but in the right hands and right investments, one's future can be as good as gold. This was the goal of Sid Shupack when he founded First State Investment Advisors in 1971. He built the company on what he called the “Gold Chip Philosophy”—a strategy of investing exclusively in the highest quality large-cap stocks—and it continues to pay off for investors nearly 50 years later.

“The secret,” said Shupack, “is having a deep understanding of the businesses into which you are putting your money.”

First State's recently elected Vice President, Matt Redmond, CFA, agrees. “The problem many individuals face with their investments is that they do not actually know what they own. They might not understand the underlying businesses, or they may not know who is actually managing their portfolio and how that person is making decisions.”

Investor education is one of Redmond's passions. At 27, he has worked to distill the wisdom Shupack, 83, has built up over a

lifetime. He hopes to pass that golden wisdom onto investors, wherever they may be in their financial lives.

“We custom-tailor every portfolio to the individual,” said Redmond. “We review each individual's goals, circumstances, and risk tolerance to design their ideal Gold Chip portfolio. We want to ensure that their philosophy aligns with ours and that they understand how we manage their assets.”

The Gold Chip philosophy laid out by Shupack in 1971 is the same followed today. It invests only in the most successful public companies that are worth over \$10 billion, called large-cap stocks. These companies have the advantage of proven business models, expert management, relatively greater stability, and solid strategies for growth.

Gold Chip companies must also pay a stable dividend, have strong balance sheets, be leaders in their industry, and have instant product or company recognition. First State's current five largest Gold Chip stocks are Boeing, Exxon Mobil, Wal-Mart, Texas Instruments, and Walt Disney. There are 35 Gold Chips in total, the remainder of which can be found on

First State Investment Advisors' website.

“One of my favorite benefits of Gold Chips is the confidence they give investors for their future. The high quality of these investments can reduce investor's worries in an up-and-down financial environment. I want investors to be able to sleep soundly at night knowing that they, their future, and their children are well cared for,” added Redmond.

A common tool used in the industry is the “Rule of 72.” The Rule of 72 is a simplified way of calculating how long an investment will take to double at a given rate of return. Dividing 72 by an expected annual rate of return results in an estimate of the number of years before the money doubles.

The target average annual rate of return for a Gold Chip portfolio is 8 percent. This would mean that if the portfolio is successful in reaching that target, it will double in 9 years. An investment of \$10,000 would become \$20,000 in 9 years, \$40,000 in 18 years, \$80,000 in 27 years, \$160,000 in 36 years, and \$320,000 in 45 years.

Redmond often uses this example in educating investors on the



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**SUCCESSFUL ADVISORS:** Matt Redmond, left, and Sid Shupack of First State Investment Advisors believe in a strategy of investing exclusively in the highest quality large-cap stocks. Shupack founded the company in 1971.

importance of saving early and saving often. “Many individuals underestimate the amount they will need to retire. What seems like a large number now might not last for a 20 or 30 plus year retirement.”

“One frequently used estimate of how much you will need for retirement is 25 times the annual income you will want in retirement. This called the ‘4 percent Rule,’ based upon studies that have found 4 percent to be the highest withdrawal rate retirees could take from their portfolio for

their money to last a 30-year retirement.”

Redmond concluded by emphasizing that it is never too early or too late to start planning for retirement. “No matter where you are at in your working career, the time to prepare and assure you are on the right track is today. If you are unsure where to begin, there are many experts who can assist in walking you through the process. Find one with qualified investment credentials whom you can trust to help you make the best decisions for your future.”



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**NABHOLZ CRAWFISH:** Nabholz, a leading construction company, held its annual Crawfish, Cajun Libations and Fun event to benefit The Foundation for Tulsa Schools. From left are Shane Fernandez, Don Greenland, Bill Hannah, Jayme Mayo, Sammy Duncan, Greg Williams and Charlie Nabholz.

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# Moises Echeverria Uses Background to Benefit Tulsa

By EMILY RAMSEY  
Contributing Editor

*Editor's Note: Moises Echeverria, 2018 chairman of Tulsa's Young Professionals and executive director of the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice, is one of Greater Tulsa Reporter's "10 to Watch in Greater Tulsa 2018," as announced in its January 2018 issue. GTR was the first news group in Greater Tulsa to introduce "10 People to Watch," which launched in January 2009.*

*Throughout the year, GTR is publishing a series of articles, featuring each of its "10 to Watch," with next month's issue to feature Susan Neal, executive director of Gilcrease Museum and vice president for public affairs for the University of Tulsa.*

Moises Echeverria's path to the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice began 15 years ago when he experienced firsthand the nonprofit organization's mission to spread respect and understanding.

A Mexico native, Echeverria attended OCCJ's Anytown Leadership Institute as a high school student in 2002. The one-week program, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, involves high school students from across the state with a focus on social justice, leadership and embracing differences, says Echeverria.

The idea is to build inclusive communities built on mutual respect and understanding, according to OCCJ's website.

Students engage in workshops and activities that raise their awareness of other cultures and ideas, and then they go home and recreate that same feeling in their communities, Echeverria says.

"Hopefully, they become ambassadors in their own communities."

When Echeverria attended Anytown in the aftereffects of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the country was experiencing a heightened level of anti-immigrant rhetoric, he says. "I had begun to internalize that rhetoric and started to believe that I was not wanted in the U.S. and that it would be better if I leave."

"That event (Anytown) was the first time that I felt proud to be who I was since I had moved to the U.S."

The leadership program had the intended effect on Echeverria: to empower him to bring about change in his community and to celebrate his strengths, he continues.

After high school, Echeverria earned his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in business administration.

His professional connection to OCCJ began one year after college graduation. He spent two years working as program coordinator and one year as director of programs and operations before being named interim CEO in early 2016.

In November 2016, Echeverria was named OCCJ's president and CEO.

OCCJ is dedicated to achieving respect and understanding for all people through education, advocacy and dialogue, with the goal to eliminate bias, bigotry and racism in Oklahoma, says its website.

"With the current polarizing nature of our politics, our work is critical now, but it's always been critical," says Echeverria.

OCCJ originates various programs, initiatives and partnerships, with one of its most important being its large board of directors that

is made up of business, community and religious leaders, he says.

"After attending our meetings, those individuals then go back to their communities and live the OCCJ mission."

OCCJ's program "Different and the Same" starts with children in the second grade, educating them about prejudice. It is based on videos developed by the company affiliated with "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" that teaches lessons about differences, respect and getting along with others.

Another program involves interfaith study groups, many individuals who have been involved nearly 30 years, he says. "It's about building meaningful relationships, learning to live together with our differences and respecting them."

This year, Echeverria has remained especially busy with his additional responsibilities as 2018 Chairman of Tulsa's Young Professionals (TYPros). Echeverria joined the organization in 2013.

His efforts as Chairman have been multi-focused, with his goals revolving around increasing TYPros' inclusiveness, a greater focus on state and local policy creation, and growing leaders.

Regarding state and local government, TYPros hosts its annual Day at the Capitol, which offers members a learning opportunity and to be a voice, he says.

In addition to that, "TYPros is working more with the Tulsa Regional Chamber to educate ourselves in order to provide a stronger voice on the city and state levels."

The organization is also improving its political communication with its members, endeavoring to engage its many thousands-large membership.

Another area of focus has been on the attraction and retention of



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**2018 TYPROS CHAIR:** Moises Echeverria, 2018 chairman of Tulsa's Young Professionals and executive director of the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice (OCCJ), stands in OCCJ's offices in downtown Tulsa.

next generation of leaders, which is already one of TYPros' greatest strengths, Echeverria says. TYPros grooms individuals for two years in leadership roles in its eight crews. "Those individuals then go out into their communities and get more involved in nonprofits, local government."

With all of Echeverria's areas of focus this year, one element is missing: Streetcred, the organization's highly-anticipated annual event that targets in-need areas of town, was put on hold for 2018.

The reason?

The seven-year event has a history of impacting the areas that it targets, but its original intention has changed, says Echeverria.

We want Streetcred to transition as Tulsa transitions, Echeverria says. But as the city changes, so must the mission of the event.

While Echeverria promises that Streetcred will be back next year, what it will look like is yet to be determined.

In the meantime, Echeverria's and TYPros' missions remain clear: helping Tulsa and Tulsans be the best that they can be.



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# TTCU Opens Downtown Tulsa Branch

TTCU Federal Credit Union returns to its downtown Tulsa roots, just blocks from where it was founded. TTCU's newest branch is now open in the historic Philcade Building at the corner of Fifth Street and Boston Avenue.

A grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting were held in May. Tulsa Regional Chamber president Mike Neal emceed the short program. The festivities included a high-school drum line and refreshments from popular downtown restaurants, The Vault, and Philcade-neighbor Topeca Coffee.

"The downtown branch is part of our long-term plan to update our branches and add greater convenience and value for our members," said Tim Lyons, TTCU

CEO and president. "Members can choose self-service if that's what they prefer, and we also have a full team of Credit Union Advisors there for those who like a face-to-face experience."

"We're excited about our downtown location and meeting our members where they are," Lyons said. "It will be a great convenience to our members who live or work downtown."

In 1934, a handful of teachers founded TTCU in the old Central High School building at Sixth Street and Cincinnati Avenue, now occupied by Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

The downtown branch hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The branch also features a 24-hour ATM.

## About TTCU Federal Credit Union

TTCU is the second largest credit union in Oklahoma with 16 branches; six in Tulsa, two in Broken Arrow, one each in Bixby, Jenks, Claremore, Miami, Muskogee, Owasso, Sapulpa and Tahlequah. Established in 1934, TTCU Federal Credit Union, is a \$1.8 billion credit union serving more than 125,000 members who are educationally affiliated, including students and their families as well as hundreds of Select Employee Groups in northeast Oklahoma. TTCU provides a full complement of depository, lending and financial advisory services. TTCU is federally insured by the NCUA.



**OPENING CEREMONY:** TTCU CEO and President Tim Lyons, (center) gets ready to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of TTCU's newest branch, located at fifth Street and Boston Avenue. To Lyons' right is Tulsa Regional Chamber President and CEO Mike Neal. To Lyons' left is TTCU Board Chairman and Owasso Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Clark Ogilvie. To Neal's right is Tulsa County Commissioner Ron Peters.

# Global Energy Outlook Emphasizes Geopolitics



By MARK A. STANSBERRY

At the 2004 International Energy Policy Conference in Tulsa, the main focus was on the subject of geopolitics. Fourteen years later, the focus is on the global energy outlook with an emphasis on geopolitics.

As of the week of May 7, 2018, oil prices reached 3 1/2 year highs. During the same timeframe, regional tensions were heightened in the Middle East.

Geopolitical tensions impact all of us. OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) has made a "pact" to limit production and that could all change at the June 22 OPEC meeting.

Russia and Iraq are among the countries that want a stronger share of the market. Saudi Arabia appears to be leaning towards extending the OPEC agreement.

It is believed by many energy experts that Saudi Arabia wants the prices to go higher than current

prices especially as it prepares for an IPO (Initial Public Offering) of its state-owned oil and gas company, Saudi Arabian Oil Co.

Then there are the issues that could impact the global market such as the possible tariffs by and between the U.S. and the Peoples Republic of China. The U.S. Administration has invoked Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 which authorizes trade restrictions on imported products especially if they involve national security. An analysis by the U.S. Department of Commerce concluded that the current levels of steel imports, for example, posed a threat to national security.

With all the geopolitical uncer-

tainty, it makes it difficult for energy companies to develop strategic plans. Will prices stabilize? Will

the prices fall or rise dramatically?

As a recent article by Lingling Wei in the Wall Street Journal states about the U.S. and the Peoples Republic of China alone, "differences suggest that rather than a breakthrough, Washington and Beijing are likely in for a long haul of recurring talks, economists and analysts in both countries said."

The potential negotiations between North and South Korea as well as the U.S. could be of major significance in the world's energy future. Peace between North and South Korea could bring economic develop-

ment opportunities for the U.S. especially for the energy industry.

On the U.S. home front: During the last week of May, 2018, there was a plan proposed to "rescue" nuclear and coal-fired power plants regarding market share. The proposal by the U.S. Department of Energy is being reviewed by the White House. How will the proposal impact demand for natural gas?

The current energy outlook is best summed up by Sarah McFarlane in the Wall Street Journal: "OPEC and its ability to move prices isn't a new factor. But the addition of U.S. oil exports has added another large supply stream that can respond to price signals. Shale producers can react to price moves within months, whereas other sources of crude—such as deep water oil fields—can take years."

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# Homebuilders Host Parade of Homes

The 2018 Greater Tulsa Parade of Homes, June 16-24, is the perfect opportunity to discover all that Tulsa area homes have to offer. During the Parade of Homes, nearly 150 new homes ranging in price from \$150,000 to more than \$1,000,000 will be open daily from 1 to 7 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free. The annual event is presented by the Home Builders Association of Greater Tulsa and sponsored by Samsung. Homes are spread throughout nine different cities in the Tulsa region, from Glenpool to Claremore.

The Official Guide for the 2018 Greater Tulsa Parade of Homes is available at Tulsa area QuikTrip locations for the duration of the event. The Guide contains home descriptions and floor plan information, along with a map to all the home sites. Available again is the tour's SmartPhone app. Download the 'MyHomeFound' app, scroll down to 'Oklahoma' and select the Parade of Homes.

More than 60 local building companies are participating in the event, which provides buyers the largest and broadest showcase of new homes and building trends. Buyers can explore hundreds of floor plans to view the latest innovations in everything from technology to energy efficiency and home decorating ideas. The 2018 Parade of Homes is the premier event in the Greater Tulsa area if you are looking to purchase a

new home, looking for your future dream home, or just want to see what's new in home construction," said Mike Fournier, local builder and chairman of the 2018 Greater Tulsa Parade of Homes. "It is the only event that allows shoppers to explore and visualize all of the options in new home construction and speak directly with Tulsa's best builders. Builder representatives are on hand to answer questions at each entered home during event hours. It is a great way to find the builder, neighborhood and home that best suits your lifestyle."

In addition to homes, the event will also highlight six communi-

ties, which showcase the trends in Greater Tulsa amenities. The Grand Plan for this year's event is Stone Canyon, hosting an extended hour Twilight Tour from 6 -9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19. The Regal Plans for this year are Yorktown & Riverstone Estates hosting extended hour Twilight Tours from 6-9 on Wednesday, June 20 and Thursday June 21.

The app has everything included in the printed tour guide, including floor plans, elevations, buyer's guide, and builder information. It also customizes the tour experience by allowing tour attendees to save their favorite homes. The social media function allows users

to tweet, post or pin. Additional event details are available online at [www.TulsaHBA.com](http://www.TulsaHBA.com) or by calling 918-663-5820.

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**B.A. MUSEUM:** The Museum Broken Arrow has announced the appointment of a new interim executive director, Rebekah "Becky" Wood. Wood previously served on The Museum Broken Arrow's Board of Directors.

Wood recently moved to Broken Arrow from Virginia, where she worked and volunteered at historical house museums such as the Sully Plantation House in Chantilly, Virginia, the Dodona Manor in Leesburg, Virginia, and several others through her work at the Herndon Historical Society. She has also served as a preservation consultant for the Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas, the Hill House in Portsmouth, Virginia, and the Strasburg Museum, Inc. in Strasburg, Virginia, among others.

She has an extensive background with architectural and historical preservation and documentation of historic structures and artifacts through her roles at the George Washington Foundation in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Tudor Place in Washington, D.C. Additionally, she has served in strategic planning roles as well as led interpretive tours and educational programming.

Raised in Texas and widely-traveled as a Navy wife, Wood and her husband are settling in Oklahoma near family. Being a 17-year member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a newer member of Preservation Oklahoma and Tulsa Foundation for Architecture, Wood has always been very involved in the preservation community.

With degrees and experience in architecture, historic preservation and business, Wood is looking forward to sharing her passion for history and preservation with the community.

The Museum Broken Arrow is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in historic downtown Broken Arrow near the site of the original Katy Train Depot. The Museum's mission is to preserve the local history of the city and its residents and to serve as an educational opportunity for future generations. In addition to showcasing local history, the Museum also offers events, educational opportunities and facility rental. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 918-258-2616 or visit BrokenArrowMuseum.org.

## BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOTES

Tulsa Attorney **Ken Underwood** has received the **Tulsa County Bar Association Golden Rule Award**.

Underwood has been practicing law in Tulsa for over 35 years. During his career, he has selflessly and consistently dedicated himself to serving the needs of his clients and the community as a whole through decades of service to the Bar as well as many other organizations and worthy causes.

The TCBA Golden Rule Award recipient is selected by members of the Tulsa County Bar Association. Among other criteria the Golden Rule Award is presented to attorneys who consistently honor his or her ethical and professional obligations as an officer of the court as well as the spirit and intent of the Rules of Professional Conduct, exhibit the highest standards of fairness and integrity, display courtesy, respect, professionalism and honesty to the Court and opposing counsel and improve the image of the Bar to the public through his or her conduct.

**Dewberry**, a privately held professional services firm, announces the promotion of four employees in the Tulsa office. The promotions coincide with Dewberry's ongoing expansion of engineering, architectural, and consulting services in the Midwest, where the firm has practiced for more than 75 years.

The promotions are:

**Jonathan Crump, AIA, LEED AP**, has been promoted to associate vice president. Crump, with nearly 35 years of experience, serves as design director for Dewberry's national architectural practice. He has completed numerous projects, including the Tandy Medical Academic Building on Oklahoma State University's Center for Health Sciences campus in Tulsa; and the expansion of Rosa Parks Elementary School, also in Tulsa.

**Robert Edwards, PE**, has been promoted to senior associate. A senior bridge design engineer, Edwards has more than 40 years of experience in civil engineering, including bridge design for projects throughout the United States. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

**James Healy, AIA**, has been promoted to senior associate. An architect and project manager with 35 years of experience, Healy has broad experience in public safety, library, educational, institutional, and commercial projects.

**Nathan Sauber, RA, LEED AP, DBIA, GGP**, has been promoted to senior associate. An architect and operations manager for Dewberry, Sauber has more than 15 years of experience overseeing new construction and renovation projects. He is a LEED-accredited professional, a Green Globes Professional, and a Designated Design-Build Professional.



UNDERWOOD

**Hall Estill**, an Oklahoma law firm with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver and Northwest Arkansas, announces that **Pamela Goldberg** has been elected a new member of the firm's executive committee, and **Samantha Davis**, **Kyle Freeman** and **Kent Gilliland** have been elected as new members of the firm's board of directors.

Goldberg, a resident of the Tulsa office, started at the firm in 1987 and practices primarily in the commercial transaction and commercial litigation areas. Goldberg graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Davis, who is located in the Tulsa office, concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, guardianship and taxation. Her practice also includes business organization and succession planning for family businesses.

Freeman, a resident of the Tulsa office, joined the firm in 1998 and concentrates his practice in the corporate/commercial area where he has led negotiations for the drafting of energy related agreements, multi-million-dollar software licensing, asset and equity acquisitions, and numerous commercial leases.

Gilliland, who is located in the Oklahoma City office, practices primarily in the banking and commercial finance areas, with emphasis on energy lending, real estate construction and permanent loans, government lending, and dealer floor plan financing.

**Crowe & Dunlevy** is the only firm to be ranked in all Oklahoma areas of legal practice, and one of only two firms ranked in the Native American law area of legal practice in Oklahoma in the international legal publisher Chambers & Partners' 2018 USA Directory.

The firm received six Band 1 rankings and a Band 2 ranking in the corporate/commercial area of legal practice. Additionally, **Mike McBride III** of Tulsa was ranked as a Star Individual, which is a recognition by Chambers & Partners that signifies that he is ranked as an "exceptional individual" and has received "exceptional recommendations" in his area of practice. McBride is chair of the firm's Indian Law & Gaming Practice Group.

Crowe & Dunlevy Tulsa attorneys receiving Band 1 rankings in Oklahoma are Malcolm E. Rosser IV, real estate and Terry L. Watt, Ph.D., intellectual property. Tulsa attorneys receiving rankings in Band 2 or 3 include Michael J. Gibbens, litigation; general commercial; Susan E. Huntsman, Native American law; Randall J. Snapp, labor & employment; and Christina M. Vaughn, Native American law.



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**Oral Roberts University** President Dr. William M. Wilson announces **Charles Scott** as the university's new executive director of Church and Educational Partnerships.

Scott's main responsibility will be to develop relationships with pastors and educational institutions locally, nationally, and globally and to foster connections with ORU.

"One of ORU's many goals is to serve ministries and churches," said Dr. Wilson. "There are a number of ways we can do that, including establishing research-based initiatives that serve the Spirit-empowered church and training students in areas where churches have the greatest need."

Scott most recently served as the vice president of business affairs, operations, and advancement at The King's University in Texas. Before that, he served as the general bishop of the Pentecostal Church of God for nearly 10 years. He has also served on the Empowered21 North American Cabinet, ORU's board of reference, and the Leadership Committee of America for Jesus.

Scott is the author of the book "Storms Don't Bother Me," along with numerous articles and publications. He holds a Bachelor of Science in general business from Missouri Southern State University, an MBA from Missouri State University, and is currently completing a dissertation for the doctor of education degree from ORU.



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# Tulsa's Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church a Departure from Classical Byzantine Architecture

The Greek Orthodox Church Istanbul, which has a long history in Christianity. Some date its present beginnings to the 1054 AD "Great Schism" when it separated from the Catholic Church. Others would put this date much earlier. Regardless, this faith has developed church buildings with a distinct character in its more than 1,000-year history. The resulting architectural style is often called Byzantine. A key church that reflects this style is Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, which is so well known that it is almost a symbol of the Greek Orthodox faith. Other famous Greek Orthodox Church buildings would be St. Mark in Venice and St. Basil in Moscow.

## On Architecture



By ROGER COFFEY, AIA

Tulsa is the home of at least three Greek Orthodox congregations. Among these is Holy Trinity Church at 1222 S. Guthrie Ave. Built in three phases, the original building was finished in 1968. It was designed by Architect Russ McGee and built by Dyer

Construction. Soon after it was finished, it received a design award by the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The second phase was seamlessly attached to the original building and finished in 2000. It incorporates a covered drop off. Its lower roof line respects and pays homage to the adjacent first phase building. The third phase which is a family-life wing has a starkly contrasting appearance and was designed by GH2 Architects. This phase features store-front glass arches and main facades finished in light cream colored limestone laid in a random ashlar pattern.

The first phase is the worship space for Holy Trinity and incorporates some of the classic elements of Byzantine church architecture. Other parts of this space have a very different identity.

Most noticeable is the dome finished in standing seam copper and partially located above the nave and the isola (raised platform). Unlike traditional Byzantine churches, this church is rectangular not cruciform in plan. A strong theme of curved corners repeats throughout the structure and is most evident in its brick walls. The walls inside and out are a dark red brick. At exterior and interior corners, the brick becomes a 2"x2" square brick tile which enhances the curves. Two tall, narrow stained glass windows on the north and south are the principal outside light for the nave. At the exterior, these have a projecting brick collar which surrounds a half round sill and head. Roof scuppers feature a similar projecting brick collar. Once again these



**WORSHIP SPACE:** The interior of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 1222 S. Guthrie Ave. in Tulsa.

repeat the curved design theme.

At the west end of the isola is a beautifully painted iconostasis or icon screen wall which is part of a more recent remodeling done in 2013. In keeping with Greek Orthodox beliefs, there is no sculpture in the church.

At the east end of the nave is a clear glass partition articulated with a hardwood grid. It divides the nave from the narthex beyond and provides more natural light from exterior glazing.

The overall orientation of Holy Trinity is the reverse of classic Byzantine custom where the narthex would be at the west end and the isola and sanctuary beyond the iconostasis would be at the east end.

Another noticeable difference from Byzantine architecture is the small freestanding camanie. Byzantine churches traditionally have no bell tower. Located at the southeast corner of the site, two brick pylons rise to support a steel beam from which hangs a bell. Below is an event directory at pedestrian eye level. A Greek cross is mounted at the top of the beam.

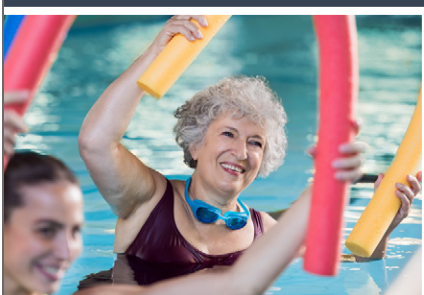
The design of Holy Trinity is an excellent example of a very simple building using mainly one material, brick, by a talented architect. Someday Holy Trinity's congregation may outgrow its worship space and require something different. But a precedent for quality design has certainly been set.

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<b>24</b> <b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. NW Arkansas 1:05 p.m. Visit tulsadrillers.com for more information. <b>FAMILY MAGIC SHOW</b> Steve Lancaster 2 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>TATE AWARDS</b> Tulsa PAC Trust 7 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.	<b>25</b> <b>DUSTIN REUDELMER – THE BALLOON GUY!</b> Central Library 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.com for more information. <b>MUSIC SANDWICHED IN: THE STORIES BEHIND THE SONG – FEATURING JAZZ HISTORIAN/PIANIST JOHN HAMILL</b> Central Library 12 – 12:50 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.com for more information.	<b>26</b> <b>BEAVERS &amp; OTTERS FEED SHOW</b> Oklahoma Aquarium 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Visit okaquarium.com for more information. <b>THE FRONT BOTTOMS</b> Cain's Ballroom 7 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information. Free Small Business Checking <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.™	<b>27</b> <b>MOVIES IN THE GARDEN: "WAYNE'S WORLD"</b> Central Library 7 – 9 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.com for more information. <b>DIANA KRALL: "TURN UP THE VOLUME"</b> Tulsa PAC Trust 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.	<b>28</b> <b>BIXBY GREEN CORN FESTIVAL</b> Bixby Community Center June 28 – 30 Visit www.bixbyok.gov for more information. <b>KYMZ BIRTHDAY BASH: AWOLNATION</b> Brady Theater 6:30 p.m. Visit bradytheater.com for info. <b>SHAKY GRAVES</b> Cain's Ballroom 7 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.	<b>29</b> <b>BIXBY FREEDOM CELEBRATION</b> Bentley Sports Complex 6 – 10 p.m. Visit bixbyfreedomcelebration.com for more information. <b>FORCE X DISTANCE</b> Luis-Eduardo 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.	<b>30</b> <b>SUMMER SATURDAY MOVIES: "HAIRSPRAY"</b> Martin Regional Library 2 – 4 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.com for more information. <b>THE DRUNKARD AND OLIO</b> Tulsa Spotlight Theatre 7:30 p.m. Visit spotlighttheatre.org for more information. <b>FORCE X DISTANCE</b> Luis-Eduardo 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.
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<b>8</b> <b>SUNDAY CONCERT</b> Guthrie Green 2:30 – 6:30 p.m. Visit guthriegreen.com for more information. <b>DONNY AND MARIE</b> Hard Rock Hotel & Casino 4 – 6 p.m. Visit hardrocktulsa.com for more information. <b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. Frisco 7:05 p.m. Visit tulsadrillers.com for more information.	<b>9</b> <b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS CLUB CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT</b> Tulsa Country Club All Day Visit salarmytulsa.org for info. <b>TULSA DRILLERS</b> vs. Frisco 7:05 p.m. Visit tulsadrillers.com for more information. <b>DEF LEOPARD &amp; JOURNEY</b> BOK Center 7 p.m. Visit bokcenter.com for more information.	<b>10</b> <b>SUMMER TOURS – GAMES TIE US TOGETHER</b> Gilcrease Museum 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Visit gilcrease.org for more information. <b>INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO</b> Central Library 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.com for more information.	<b>11</b> <b>MOVIES IN THE GARDEN: "HIGH FIDELITY"</b> Central Library 7 – 9 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.com for more information. <b>SUMMER ART CAMP</b> Gilcrease Museum 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Visit gilcrease.org for more information.	<b>12</b> <b>GARDEN PLAY THURSDAY</b> Central Library 10 – 11 a.m. Visit tulsalibrary.com for more information. <b>BOY GEORGE AND CULTURE CLUB, THE B-52s</b> River Spirit Casino 8 p.m. Visit riverspirittulsa.com for more information. New Name. Same Bank. <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.™	<b>13</b> <b>FAMILY WORKSHOPS</b> Gilcrease Museum 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Visit gilcrease.org for more information. <b>LIZZY</b> Tulsa Project Theatre 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>SEUSSICAL JR.</b> Theatre Tulsa Family 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.	<b>14</b> <b>SEVENTH ANNUAL DODGE-BRAWL TOURNAMENT</b> BOK Center 11 a.m. Visit bokcenter.com for more information. <b>LIZZY</b> Tulsa Project Theatre 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>SEUSSICAL JR.</b> Theatre Tulsa Family 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.

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## AREA NEWS

# Utica Square Presents Summer's Fifth Night

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The year was 1991, and the merchants of Utica Square were about to launch what would turn out to be a favorite Tulsa tradition. No one would have guessed it then. In the beginning, production was rudimentary and depended on what sound equipment the band had or could borrow. It worked for those early crowds.

Names like the late Earl Clark and Debbie Campbell played in those early days, and the genre was mostly jazz. The atmosphere in Tulsa's most fashionable shopping center melded well with the entertainment, and people just kept coming.

As the years progressed, the line-ups started including more musical styles. Bands such as Mid Life Crisis (Classic Rock), Grady Nichols (Jazz/Pop), Mary Cogan (Country Rock), Red Dirt Rangers (Red Dirt Americana), Starr Fisher (R&B), Admiral Twin (Rock) started making annual appearances as crowd favorites.

The unique blend of shopping and dining establishments has always made something special and unique about a Utica Square experience and Summer's Fifth Night is truly a great additional reason to be there. It has joined other favorite traditional Utica Square annual events like, Lights On, Art in the Square and Fashion in the Square, to provide many memorable experiences throughout the year.

Starting in 1993, local booking agency SRO Productions

was brought in to organize and produce the shows under the direction of the Merchants Association and its property manager and has produced all the shows since. Says SRO President Jon Terry, "It is always a joy to see the great turnout all through the summer for this event. Tulsa musicians love the opportunity to showcase their wonderful talents to such large crowds and are grateful to the Merchants Association for making this happen and supporting live music in Tulsa."

The crowds grew in size, sometimes as many as 4,000 in estimated attendance. Some come to dance (and many do), some just to listen and many others to be with friends and family at a free happening that has always had mass appeal. It's casual, it's entertaining, and it's easy and free to attend. Chairs are supplied closer to the stage but many bring their own, plus tables, food, drinks, blankets and whatever makes their night special.

Yes, there have been sightings over the years of people with fine dishes, glasses and food with people serving them, but they are right next to people that brought nothing but a friendly attitude and are having just as good a time.

Always presented on Thursday evenings during June, July and August (with some last-week-of-May dates thrown in), the summer series has hosted many of Tulsa's very best. You never know who might show up and sit in as a special guest with featured bands.

Shows always start at 7 p.m. thanks to the dedicated work of



Courtesy SRO Productions

**GRADY NICHOLS AND FRIENDS:** *Tulsan Grady Nichols and band members entertain the lively Utica Square Summer's Fifth Night crowd last year. Nichols is scheduled to appear Aug. 30. Summer's Fifth Night began on May 31 with Horn & the Hush, which offered power funk rock. All dates and acts are listed below.*

many including the Utica Square Landscape and Maintenance crew and Security that turns a shopping center parking lot into a concert venue for thousands in a matter of a few hours. The team then returns it back that night ready for the next day's business.

#### The 2018 Summer's Fifth Night schedule includes:

• June 14 – Retro Rocket – Ear-

ly rock on a mission

- June 21 – Zodiac – Pop Rock
- June 28 – Bradio – Music of the Beatles
- July 5 – Starlight Band – Best of the Big Band Era / Patriotic
- July 12 – Eldredge Jackson - Contemporary Jazz Sax
- July 19 – Red Dirt Rangers – Red Dirt music royalty
- July 26 – Mary Cogan – Alt Country Rock

- August 2 – Usual Suspects – Classic Rock
- August 9 – Doctors of Replay – Rock for dancing
- August 16 – Chris Hyde Band – Rock / Blues / Funk
- August 30 – Grady Nichols – Jazz Pop

For weather updates on the day of shows, visit [www.facebook.com/UticaSquare](http://www.facebook.com/UticaSquare).

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