

# HOME & GARDEN SHOW REVISITED



**WE B TREES:** *We B Trees arborist Tim Nall, left, welcomed visitors to his exhibit at this year's Tulsa Home and Garden Show held March 9-12 at the River Spirit Expo at Expo Square. Visiting the booth are Nall's nephew Ace Nall and Cathy and John Rains.*



**OWASSO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** *The Owasso Chamber of Commerce proudly exhibited positives about its city at the Tulsa Home and garden Show. From left are Tammy White of Tulsa Federal Credit Union, Andrea Adams of Keller Williams, Owasso Chamber President Gary Akin and Joy Moss of Keller Williams.*



**JACK WILLS:** *A representative of Jack Wills Outdoor Furniture demonstrates the "Blazing Beats," a dancing outdoor fire pit complemented by its own music. Jack Wills, with locations in Tulsa and Springdale, Arkansas, offers outdoor furniture, grills, play sets and fireplaces.*

## BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOTES

Trust Company of Oklahoma announces that **Whittney Stauffer** has joined the company as vice president. At TCO, she will serve high net worth individuals, families and organizations.



STAUFFER

Stauffer comes to TCO from J.P. Morgan Chase's Private Bank in Tulsa, where she accumulated experience providing investment management, wealth advisory, banking, and financing services to individuals, endowments, and foundations. Stauffer received her Bachelor of Business Administration in finance from the University of Oklahoma. She is a trustee for the Philbrook Museum of Art and serves as board president of The Pencil Box. In addition, she is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Tulsa and a Leadership Tulsa graduate.

Trust Company of Oklahoma is the largest and oldest independent trust company in the state, with locations in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. For more information visit [www.TrustOk.com](http://www.TrustOk.com)

**Yvette Martinez** and **Audra Alvord** have been promoted to senior vice president positions at the **First National Bank & Trust Co. of Broken Arrow**.



MARTINEZ

Martinez joined the bank in December 2016 as vice president of retail banking administration. A native Tulsan and graduate of Northeastern State University, her resume includes service with Bank of Oklahoma, Prosperity Bank and F&M Bank and Trust where she oversaw retail operations of 12 branch locations in Oklahoma and Texas.



ALVORD

Alvord joined First National of Broken Arrow in 2013 as human resources director and later added director of information security to her responsibilities. A native of Cleveland, Oklahoma, she began her career as a bookkeeper at Peoples State Bank. Her resume also includes service with Bank South where she was a branch manager and Summit Bank where she was a human resources representative.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Gregory Graham says both women have worked their way up through the ranks of the financial services industry and have clearly shown they are more than qualified to assume the added responsibilities that go with their new positions.

"They have earned the respect of our directors and their fellow employees," Graham says. "They provide expanded dimensions of experience and expertise to our bank and we are delighted to welcome them to our senior leadership team."

First National opened its doors in 1902 in what is now downtown Broken Arrow. In more than 114 years of providing trusted banking services to the community, only four chairmen have headed the institution.

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**Oral Roberts University** announces the promotion of **James D. Smith** to director of marketing. Smith led the ORU Mabee Center Marketing Department for seven years before accepting this new role.



SMITH

"James has done an outstanding job leading marketing at the Mabee Center, seeing growth year over year," says Ossie Mills, ORU vice president of communications and marketing.

Smith, who was born in England and raised in Tulsa, graduated from Tulsa's Memorial High School and Northeastern State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business marketing. He brings a wealth of experience to his new position with 30 years of professional marketing in the Tulsa area.

Active in the Tulsa community, Smith serves as president of his homeowner's association, is an active member of his church, an accomplished chef, business owner and long-time volunteer of numerous Tulsa charitable organizations.

**The Collins College of Business** will honor three alumni and four graduating seniors during its annual Honors and Awards Banquet April 7 at TU's Allen Chapman Student Union.



SHARP

**Kala Sharp** (BSBA '99), vice president, controller, natural gas at ONEOK Partners, was named the 2017 Outstanding Alumna and **Don P. Quint, Jr.** (BS '78), principal and founder of Don P. Quint & Associates, as the 2017 Outstanding Alumnus. **Ashley Lewis Jackson** (BSBA '08), customer success integration manager at GE Digital, was named the 2017 Fast Track Alumna.



QUINT



JACKSON

Sharp is vice president, controller, natural gas, of ONEOK Partners. She is responsible for accounting and reporting for the natural gas gathering and processing and natural gas pipelines segments.

Quint is the principal and founder of Don P. Quint & Associates, a registered investment adviser. Quint established his practice in 1978 upon his graduation from the University of Tulsa. Since graduation he has completed his Chartered Life Underwriter designation along with his Chartered Financial Consultant designation.

Jackson joined General Electric (GE) in 2008 as a financial management program (FMP) intern with GE Real Estate. In January, Jackson was promoted to customer success integration manager at GE Digital.

Four graduating seniors will receive the 2017 David R. Lawson Outstanding Senior award in recognition of their leadership and accomplishments while students at TU: Amanda Calhoun, energy management and finance; Paul Moses, accounting and finance; Claire Thompson, accounting, finance and economics; and Francisco Yanez, finance and management.

**Ashley Van Horne** has been named director of marketing and communications for the **Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation**. Van Horne is a seasoned communications professional with nearly a decade of experience. She joined the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation after managing communications for the Tulsa Regional Tourism brands at the Tulsa Regional Chamber. Van Horne has a unique background in sports communications, having managed projects for brands like ESPN, Nickelodeon, Spike TV, the NFL Network and Yahoo Sports. She brings to the table a diverse perspective that combines public relations, marketing strategy and event management. After graduating cum laude from the University of Southern California in 2009, Van Horne worked on major national sporting events and marketing campaigns including the Super Bowl, NFL Draft, NBA All Star Weekend, BCS National Championship, NCAA March Madness, Nickelodeon Kids Choice Sports Awards, Spike TV's Lip Sync Battle, ESPN This is SportSCenter commercials, Monday Night Football and more.



VAN HORNE

A Tulsa transplant originally from California, Van Horne says she enjoys exploring Oklahoma and soaking up the four different seasons. She is a volunteer at GUTS Church, a freelance writer, a CrossFit coach and a nutrition counselor in her spare time.

**AVB Bank** announces the promotion of **Renee Hillhouse** to loan operations officer. Hillhouse manages and oversees AVB's loan servicing and credit departments, providing all loan documentation, payments, advances and maintenance.



HILLHOUSE

Hillhouse joined AVB in 2016 as a commercial lending assistant. With over 22 years of banking experience, Hillhouse's exemplary career in banking is highlighted by upward progression. Bank President and CEO Ted Cundiff announced the promotion and said, "Renee has extensive knowledge of the loan area and has greatly assisted with the increase in communication in her area. We appreciate her expertise and are glad she is a part of our team."

Senior Vice President and Executive Loan Assistant Nema Dobbins said "Loan services, and all of the operations employees at AVB, are such an integral part of this bank." Dobbins continued, "Renee's years of experience and excellent troubleshooting go hand-in-hand with internal operations, and we are grateful to have her."

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