

## NEWSMAKERS



Gonzalez-D'Ross

### Tulsa author among those named to Oklahoma Women's Coalition board

Lydia Gonzalez-D'Ross of Tulsa was among four named to the board of directors for the Oklahoma Women's Coalition.

Gonzalez-D'Ross, an author, speaker and a business and campaign consultant, serves on numerous national boards and is also a national keynote speaker. In 2016 she was an honoree of the Madam President Award by League of Women Voters of Tulsa County, and she has received an Oklahoma Governor Commendation, City of Tulsa Appreciation Volunteer Award, Congressional Community Services Recognition Award and other honors.

She has worked as national public faith engagement director for Republican National Hispanic Assembly, journalist and reporter at El Nacional Mundo Fox and national Hispanic director of United States National Prayer Council. She is a Leadership Tulsa graduate, Class XXX-VIII and a commissioner for Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.

Others named to the board were Cori Loomis of Oklahoma City, Leah Roper of Oklahoma City and Darci Williams of Shawnee.

Oklahoma Women's Coalition is a statewide network of individuals and organizations working together to improve the lives of women and girls through education and advocacy.



Sendze

### Tulsa City-County Library executive honored as top CIO in the country

Monique Sendze, chief information officer for Tulsa City-County Library, has been recognized as a top CIO in the country by the Info-Tech Research Group.

Sendze was one of nine information technology leaders recognized in the Mid-Market category. The award winners were determined through Business Vision, an IT stakeholder satisfaction survey that helps CIOs understand the needs of their key business stakeholders.

Sendze has worked in information technology management for more than 17 years and joined the Tulsa City-County Library in 2015 as the chief technology and innovation officer. Previously she worked at the Douglas County Libraries in Colorado and the Johnson County Library in Kansas as the IT director.

At Tulsa City County Library, she oversees the information technology department, customer care department, data analysis/management, web and virtual services, technical services and collection management.

Jeff Brooks, CIO of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Casinos, was a winner in the large business category.

### Commerce Bank names Christiansen new mortgage representative

Jane Christiansen has joined Commerce



Christiansen

Bank as a residential loan representative responsible for mortgage loan development for existing customers and prospects looking for a mortgage partner.

"I'm looking forward to moving from the wholesale to the retail side of mortgage banking," said Christiansen. "In my 35 years of experience in mortgage banking, I've always enjoyed talking to customers and prospects about solutions that can provide them with the mortgage loan that is right for their situation, and Commerce offers mortgages with loan types and payment options that can fit those specific needs."

Commerce Bank offers mortgages along with its full offering of other banking solutions. This benefits customers by giving them the ability to consolidate all banking solutions with one bank instead of having multiple banking partners.

Commerce Bancshares is a regional bank holding company with \$24.5 billion in assets, as of March 31 and provides a full range of financial products to consumer and commercial customers, including personal banking, lending, wealth management, brokerage and capital markets services with more than 340 locations in the central U.S.

### Marnie Phelps elected president of Child Abuse Network board

Marnie Phelps, a business development specialist with Cyntergy AEC, was elected president of the Child Abuse Network's



Phelps

board of directors at the organization's annual meeting in June.

Other officers include president-elect Cari Marshall with CMCi Consultants; secretary Tim Neuman with Williams Cos.; treasurer Ray Poudrier with ONEOK and past president T. Carley Williams with BKD, LLP. Barbara E. Findeiss will be executive director.

Other board members include: Lisa E. Albers, Bank of Oklahoma; Adrienne L. Barnett, Norman Wohlgenuth Chandler Jeter Barnett & Ray; Lauren Bingham, D&L Oil Tools; David Glasgow, CBRE; Susan L. Gross, community volunteer; Ashley Hudgeons, Hillcrest Healthcare System; Rachael Hunsucker, All Souls Unitarian Church; April Brookover Margwarth, Tulsa Federal Credit Union; Jennifer Matson, HoganTaylor LLP; Bryan J. Nowlin, Hall Estill; Tara O'Mahony, community volunteer; Mendi Parker, QuickTrip; Mike Rhoads, Oklahoma Insurance Department; Kaitlin Snider, Tulsa Health Department; Stephan A. Strode, community volunteer; Justin Thompson, JTR Group; Rebecca Thompson, AAON; and Eric VanGilder, Flintco.

Two board interns are Stacie Cato from Tulsa's Young Professionals and Camille Nassar with Leadership Tulsa.

Partner directors include Rick Helberg, Tulsa Police Department; District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler; Julie Merritt, Oklahoma Department of Human Services; Tulsa County Sheriff Vic Regalado; and Dr. John H. Schumann, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa.