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**DAILY BRIEFS**

**JOHNSON NEW LIBRARY COO**

Kimberly Johnson has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer for the Tulsa City-County Library.

In this role she will develop and implement long-range plans for services and operations, execute the 2030 Facilities Master Plan, and lead the public service side of the Central Library renovation project.



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Johnson, originally from the Bronx borough of New York, earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Tulsa and earned her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Oklahoma.

She joined the Tulsa City-County Library in 1998 as the first coordinator of the African-American Resource Center. In that role she was responsible for collecting, preserving and providing access to resources honoring and documenting the experiences of people of African descent. She established the library's first countywide public tour to Oklahoma's Historic All-Black Towns as well as Tulsa's first countywide reading initiative, "Tulsa Metro Reads."

In 2005, she was promoted as the manager of the South Broken Arrow Library followed by a promotion in 2010 as the manager of Hardesty Regional Library. In 2012, she was promoted to Regional Director with responsibility for 11 of the Tulsa City-County Library's 24 public locations. A year later Johnson became Deputy Director, Chief Innovation Officer where she was instrumental in customizing library buildings and services to meet the demands of the 21st century library customer.

## Kevin Matthews District 11 state senator

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Former state Rep. Kevin Matthews has been sworn in as the newest Senator to represent Senate District 11 in Tulsa County.

He began his legislative career when he was elected to the House of Representatives in November 2012.

Matthews' Senate oath of office was administered by the honorable Supreme Court Justice Tom Colbert.

"It's by the grace of God and my family, friends and the many volunteers who gave so much of their time that I'm here today. I'm so grateful for their unending encouragement and support. I will continue to work tirelessly for them and those in our society who are lost, overlooked or have been forgotten. Everyone deserves to have a voice and I'm honored to be that for them in the Oklahoma Legislature," said Matthews, D-Tulsa. "Although there is just over a month left in the legislative session, I'm going to continue what I started in the House while also focusing my attention on the major issues in the Senate." Sen. Matthews will be serving on the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation as well as the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

He will also be a member of the Senate Appropriations, General Government, Pensions, Transportation, and Public Safety Committees. Sen. Matthews, a long-time resident of the Tulsa area, graduated in 1978 from Booker T. Washington High School, and attended Central State University, where he pledged



COURTESY PHOTO

Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Tom Colbert administers the Oath of Office to Sen. Kevin Matthews who won the Senate District 11 seat in a special election.

Phi Beta Sigma.

He received a degree in Fire Protection Technology and has served 25 years with the Tulsa Fire Department.

Matthews retired in January 2010 as the Administrative Fire Chief, Chief of Personnel.

During his career, Matthews completed

the Middle Management Curriculum at the National Fire Academy and the Executive Development Institute at Dillard University.

He also attended the 2012 Center for Advanced Leadership Studies and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in Atlanta, Georgia. <

the process of navigating the library and accessing valuable resources. We strive to give customers what they want while thinking ahead to identify the next beneficial service they will need."

Johnson's honors and awards include:

- Elected to the American Library Association Council (2014-2017)
- Selected to attend Leading to the Future (American Library Association Leadership Institute 2014)
- Invited to participate in the Oklahoma House of Representatives Interim Study on

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American driving habits are being analyzed through a AAA study.

The study shows that Americans drive an average of 29.2 miles per day, making two trips with an average total duration of 46 minutes.

This and other revealing data are the result of a ground-breaking study currently underway by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety and the Urban Institute.

The Foundation's new American Driving Survey offers the most up-to-date, comprehensive look at how much Ameri-

cans drive on a daily and yearly basis.

First-year data, collected May 2013 through May 2014, is available now from the ongoing study, which will set the benchmark for future data and ultimately reveal trends in Americans' driving habits.

"This is the first ongoing study that provides a look at when and how much Americans are driving," said Peter Kissinger, President and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Existing federal data with this level of detail was last released in 2009, eight years after the previous release. This substantially limits the extent to which we can use existing

data to draw conclusions about Americans' current driving habits."

The first-year results of the American Driving Survey revealed that:

- Motorists age 16 years and older drive, on average, 29.2 miles per day or 10,658 miles per year.
- Women take more driving trips, but men spend 25 percent more time behind the wheel and drive 35 percent more miles than women.
- Both teenagers and seniors over the age of 75 drive less than any other age group; motorists 30-49 years old drive an

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- Selected to attend Results Leadership Boot Camp (American Library Association 2011)
- Graduate of Leadership Broken Arrow (2007)
- Received the Status of Women Award (Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority-2005)
- Received the Pinnacle Award in Education (Tulsa Women's Foundation & the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women-2004)
- Honored by Beta Phi Mu Honor Society (University of Oklahoma-2003)
- Selected to Tulsa People Magazine's Top 40 Up & Comers

### EMILY AKIN NEW CANEBRAKE GM

The Canebrake has recently hired Emily Akin as general manager.

In her new role, she oversees day-to-day management of The Canebrake's staff and hospitality offerings, including restaurant, spa services, hotel, Yoga Barn, boutique, resort activities and overall guest experience.

"We are very excited to welcome Emily to The Canebrake family," said Lisa Bracken, co-owner of The Canebrake. "Her skillset and experience in the hospitality industry will help elevate The Canebrake and provide our guests with the highest standard of customer service and attention."

Previously, Akin worked as food and beverage director at Crowne Plaza Southern Hills in Tulsa providing oversight and direction of the facility's five food outlets, including full-service restaurant, bar with full menu, room service for more than 250 hotel rooms, nine private banquet catering rooms and a

## Legal Aid volunteer lawyers honored

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Lawyers volunteering to assist Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma were honored during the week of April 12 through April 18.

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma hosts ProBono.Net/OK, Oklahoma's online portal for legal professionals interested in pro bono work, according to Michael Figgins, executive director. As the number of people living in poverty has risen, so has the need for legal services that allow Americans to fully participate in society without falling prey to the loss of their housing, income or even their children.

Yet studies show that only 20 percent of the civil legal needs of the poor are being met. Pro bono attorneys are often the only source of hope for those who can't afford to hire a lawyer.

"Through ProBono.Net/OK, Oklahoma lawyers can access a wealth of resources to assist their representation of low-income Oklahomans with civil legal problems," Figgins said. "Legal Aid relies on the many Oklahoma lawyers who regularly give back to their communities by assisting individuals with civil legal problems, free of charge, to leverage our precious resources and increase the number of people we can serve. The economy, our courts and our communities greatly benefit by this sacrifice of time and talent."

ProBono.Net/OK is part of a national network of state portals created by Pro Bono Net, a leader in innovative programs that increase access to justice.

The site hosts a Library of training

and sign-up to take a case online.

Pro Bono Net has more than 90,000 members — including more than 1,600 Oklahoma members, who are committed to public service. National Volunteer Week 2015 provided an opportunity to recognize them for their efforts.



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Figgins said that Pro Bono Net's online platform, HYPERLINK "http://www.probono.net" www.probono.net, makes it easy for attorneys to get involved in pro bono work, saving them time and connecting them with opportunities through the HYPERLINK "http://www.probono.net/volunteer" National Volunteer Week, which was co-developed with the ABA.

Special, issue-specific opportunities are also available through HYPERLINK "http://www.probono.net/dv/" The National Domestic Violence Pro Bono Directory and the HYPERLINK "http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/probono/volunteer" Immigration Advocates Network.

Pro Bono Net also developed and maintains HYPERLINK "http://www.lawhelp.org" LawHelp.org, a public legal information portal with state-based legal referrals, know-your-rights information and a variety of self-help materials.

Pro Bono Net works in partnership with more than 200 legal services organizations around the country, including Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma.

HYPERLINK "http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/national-volunteer-week" Points of Light—National Volunteer Week, established in 1974, has grown exponentially each subsequent

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MICHAEL FIGGINS  
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Attorneys can also search for volunteer opportunities at HYPERLINK "www.probono.net/ok/oppsguide/" www.probono.net/ok/oppsguide/.

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma is a not-for-profit law firm, Figgins said The service provides free civil legal assistance to eligible low-income individuals and their families and to elderly persons in the areas of family, consumer, housing, health and employment.

Legal Aid attorneys and staff work through a network of fully-staffed law offices and satellite offices, serving eligible clients in all 77 counties of Oklahoma. Legal Aid's statewide toll-free number to call for legal assistance is 1-888-534-5243.

Funding for Legal Aid is from the Legal