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TREVOR TACK JOINS MCNELLIE'S GROUP

Trevor Tack has joined the McNellie's Group in the new Executive Chef position for the corporation.

"We're so excited to have Trevor Tack on board," said CEO and Founder Elliot Nelson. "As a company, we're committed to providing the best possible food we can in our restaurants and Trevor furthers that commitment."

Tack brings 13 years of experience to the company.

Having worked extensively for several of Tulsa's favorite hospitality establishments, his expertise will bring relevant insight to the company's range of restaurant, bar and entertainment concepts in Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Norman.

"I am beyond excited and honored to serve as chef for this amazing company," Tack said. "In this competitive and ever changing market, I believe our commitment to service, community and our employees will continue to drive us forward and set us apart



TACK

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Library earns Oklahoma Quality Award for Pursuit of Excellence

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Take more than 125 pages outlining accomplishments and then compress that data down to the required 50 pages.

Submit that package, cross your fingers and hope for the best.

That was the simplified effort by Tulsa City-County Library staff members as they submitted their application for the Oklahoma Quality Award for the Pursuit of Excellence.

Tulsa's application was accepted for additional study and visits.

The result was the library was awarded the 2014 Oklahoma Quality Award for the Pursuit of Excellence from the Oklahoma Quality Foundation, one of five recipients and the first library in the state to win the award.

Gary Shaffer, Tulsa City-County Library chief executive officer, praised the staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing the application.

Gov. Mary Fallin presented the award to

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Honor celebrated — Mayor Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr. presented the Tulsa City-County Library system with a proclamation named as a recipient of the Oklahoma Quality Award for Pursuit of Excellence. Gary Shaffer, chief executive officer, holds the award that had been presented earlier by Gov. Mary Fallin in Oklahoma City.

Gillett selected to E-Neutrals College

Sara Jane Gillett only Oklahoma attorney associated with college

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as leaders in the hospitality landscape of Oklahoma. With so many budding projects on the horizon in addition to our current establishments, I really feel there is no ceiling for us. Our opportunities for growth and betterment are limitless."

In addition to guiding the company's existing operations, Tack will explore menus for new ventures as well, Nelson said.

DEVON ENERGY DECLARES DIVIDEND

Devon Energy Corporation's board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on Devon's common stock for the first quarter of 2015.

The 24 cents per share dividend is payable on March 31, 2015 based on a record date of March 13, 2015.

JACK W. ROSS TO BE OF COUNSEL TO FIRM

Jack W. Ross, founding partner of Broken Arrow law firm Ross & Eudey, P.L.L.P., has announced he will transition to "Of Counsel" to the firm.

Scott R. Eudey, Ross's long-time law partner and friend, will take the helm as incoming managing partner.

For more than 40 years, Ross has been a fixture of the Broken Arrow business community both as a local attorney and a civic leader, Eudey said.

He served as Chairman of the Board of the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce in 1973, served 10 years on the Rooster Days Committee, served as Rooster Days Parade Chair for several years more, and was Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Year in 1998.

In 1999, he co-chaired the Committee to bring Northeastern State University to Broken Arrow, and in 2007 and 2008 he was instrumental in establishing the Broken Ar-

Cash distributions expected to be higher

ONEOK's available dividends projected between \$580 to \$660 million

BY TB&LN STAFF
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ONEOK, Inc. officials announced that its 2015 cash flow available for dividends is expected to be in the range of \$580 million to \$660 million, reflecting higher anticipated cash distributions received from its general and limited partner interests in ONEOK Partners.

The 2015 earnings guidance also includes a 14 percent increase in shareholder dividends declared compared with 2014, including a projected 2.25-cent-per-share-per-quarter increase in dividends declared. Shareholder dividends declared are subject to board approval.

ONEOK also has estimated average annual dividend declared increases of 12 to 15 percent between 2014 and 2017.

"Our 2015 guidance reflects substantial, ongoing growth at ONEOK Partners. Since 2006, the partnership has completed

more than \$8 billion in capital-growth projects and acquisitions, and it has another \$3 billion in capital-growth projects in various stages of construction," said Terry K. Spencer, president and chief executive officer of ONEOK. "The partnership continues to develop an unannounced backlog of additional capital-growth projects totaling approximately \$4 billion to \$5 billion.

"As the pure-play general partner of ONEOK Partners, this growth at the partnership benefits ONEOK and has allowed us to increase dividends paid to shareholders," Spencer added.

"Although the commodity price environment remains volatile, we expect strong volume growth to continue in 2015 as many of our key producers plan to concentrate their drilling in more productive core areas on acreage dedicated to our systems," Spencer said.

ONEOK's 2015 free cash flow is expected to be in the range of \$50 million to \$80

million after capital expenditures and dividends.

ONEOK's 2015 guidance reflects increased natural gas gathering and processing volumes in the natural gas gathering and processing segment; and higher natural gas liquids (NGL) volumes gathered and fractionated in the natural gas liquids segment. These increased volumes are the result of full-year operations and earnings from acquisitions and capital-growth projects completed throughout 2014, including ONEOK Partners' recent West Texas LPG System acquisition, and reflect expected earnings and cash flows from the completion of capital-growth projects during 2015 in the natural gas gathering and processing, and natural gas liquids segments.

ONEOK's 2015 guidance reflects a projected 1.5-cent-per-unit-per-quarter increase in unitholder distributions declared by ONEOK Partners, subject to ONEOK Partners board approval. <

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Claudette Frazier during ceremonies in Oklahoma City in November.

Shaffer praised individual members for their work on a "very verbose" document that included very few pictures.

Seven categories made up the criteria including leadership, strategic planning, customer focus, workforce focus, process management, results and measurement and analysis and knowledge management.

The program helped for-profit and not-for-profit organizations identify strengths and opportunities for improvements, and

helped them consider processes to increase efficiency, engage employees, examine strategic goals and improve customer relationships, he said.

It is the vision of the Tulsa City-County Library to work together as a community, Shaffer continued. This library system has more than 10,000 visitors daily to the 24 branches. "People are lined up to enter when the doors open at 9 a.m. and the staff has to "shoo" people out at 9 p.m. We are busier than McDonald's and Starbucks."

Mayor Dewey F. Bartlett Jr., prior to reading the proclamation honoring the library system, said the application gave him

an idea.

"Would you consider finding and writing grants for the City of Tulsa?" he asked. "I am constantly asking whether every possibility has been explored to find grants for the police and fire departments as well as other divisions."

The mayor went on to say he was very proud of the Tulsa City-County Library system because it showed how the collaboration between the two governments worked together for the benefit of citizens.

"Gary, your vision and insight for the library system is incredible," Mayor Bartlett said. <