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Underwood not searching for replacement

Collinsville City Attorney finds TCBA role rewarding

By Ralph Schaefer Neighbor News

Ken Underwood isn't searching too hard for his replacement as chair of the Tulsa County Bar Association Public Relations Committee.

He was recognized recently for his committee service. It is a role that he finds both rewarding and informative.

Underwood, a practitioner and Collinsville City Attorney, J. Patrick Cremin with the Hall Estill Law Firm, and others were honored for their service to both the TCBA and Tulsa County Bar Foundation for the 2013-2014 year.

Underwood has started his fourth year as public relations chair. He first was appointed to the position by then President Paul Brunton.

He since has served under TCBA Presidents James R. Gotwals and Jim Hicks. Now he is working

with President Ken Williams.

Underwood's role has been to work with media outlets to inform them about activities and organizations to get them involved with the legal community.

For example, Underwood works with Tulsa attorney Rodney Buck to get area youth to participate in the annual Art contest sponsored by the TCBA and the Oklahoma Bar Association.

"It is great to have the opportunity to associate with so many great lawyers in the Tulsa County Bar Association," he said.

Even though there are many activities, the special events that Underwood finds particularly enjoyable include Santa Brings a Law Suit and Legally Pink.

The Santa Brings a Law Suit is sponsored by the TCBA Outreach Committee, he said. Attornevs

bring their slightly used garments to the TCBA that are then taken to outlets where they are given to people who otherwise would not have appropriate clothing for a job interview.

The Legally Pink event focuses on Breast Cancer Awareness with activities in front of the Tulsa County Courthouse.

Another promotional highlight was the 110th anniversary celebration of the Tulsa County Bar Association.

Even though Underwood is busy with a legal practice and his TCBA role, he also is proud of the City of Collinsville.

"I have been city attorney since 2002 and it is wonderful to see the city develop," he said. "We are the fastest growing city per capita in Oklahoma and I am proud to work with really great people. Many are volunteers who have stepped forward to serve.



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Ken Underwood, left, and J. Patrick Cremin received Presidential Awards for their service to the Tulsa County Bar Association during 2013-2014.

Local woman named to OSH summer honor roll

'Imagination Station' takes literacy on the road

By John Fancher

tus of Collinsville was named to the Presidents Honor Roll for the summer semester at Oklahoma State University.

A total of 1,055 students were named to the 2014 summer semester honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, including 581 students named to the President's Honor

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point average of 4.00 were placed on the President's Honor Roll, and students with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher with no grade below a "C" were placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Katelyn is in the college of Arts and Sciences and is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in Zoology.

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County Library's 2014 children's summer reading program. "Imagination Station," funded by the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation. is a 25-foot-long vehicle with the latest in digital book technology. Patterned after the successful Penguin Book Truck, the mobile collection features approximately 1,000 items for all ages. Library cardholders can access and download digital content from the library's collection in an area set up with Café tables, chairs and iPads. The collection will rotate to complement specific events and festivals.

Since it hit the road, Tulsa City-County Library's Outreach Services Department has taken the vehicle to local music festivals, community events and Farmer's Markets.

"People have been surprised to see the library in places they're not used to seeing us," said Tracy Warren, Outreach Services manager. 'Unlike the Bookmobile and Reading Roadshow, which require people to actually enter, the Imagination Station provides immediate browsing



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The Tulsa City-County Library's "Imagination Station" is shown here at a recent event in Tulsa County.

and access to books and electronic devices. The whole vehicle is a display."

The name "Imagination Station" was selected through a public naming contest. Library customers voted on their favorite name that reflects the culture and spirit of Tulsa. The name also supports Tulsa City-County Library's mission: "Libraries Change Lives."

"From the Imagination Station to the Bookmobile to the delivery of materials to homebound customers, Outreach Services brings the library to the people," said Warren. "Attending community outreach events provides an opportunity to promote the love of reading as well as share all Tulsa City-County Library has to offer."

To schedule the Imagination Station for a visit to your next public event, call the Outreach Services Department, 918-549-7480 or email os@tulsalibrary.org.



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