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**The Commerce Trust Co. adds Foldesy to Tulsa team**

The Commerce Trust Company, a division of Commerce Bank, announces that George Foldesy has joined the Tulsa team as a senior portfolio manager.

Foldesy has more than 14 years of experience helping affluent families select investments to reach their financial goals.

"We welcome George to Tulsa and know he will be a valuable asset to our clients," said Ben C. Herrig, JD, senior vice president and Tulsa market executive.

The Commerce Trust Company opened its first Oklahoma office in August at 5314 S. Yale Ave. It offers customers the personal service of local consultants backed by a trust company with more than 100 years of wealth management experience.

**Mariner Holdings donates \$3,000 to Spotlight Theatre**

Mariner Holdings Co. donated \$3,000 to the Tulsa Spotlight Theatre, 1381 Riverside Drive, the theater's board members announced.

The Tulsa-based Mariner is new to Tulsa and has 20-plus employees but formerly operated under the name Adams Hall. The company rebranded itself last summer as Mariner Holdings.

Mariner has also donated to Tulsa Youth Symphony and The Hub.

Tulsa Spotlight Theatre Vice President for Programs Larry Cochran said the funds will go toward the building fund.



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**BKD adds three to company's Tulsa office**

Todd J. Lisle, managing partner of BKD CPAs & Advisors' Oklahoma offices, announced the company has added Linda Decker, Allison Guimond and Natalie Wilson to the firm's audit and assurance team in Tulsa.

Decker is a 2015 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a degree in accounting. Guimond is a 2015 OSU graduate with M.S. and B.S. degrees in accounting. Wilson, a returning intern, graduated from OSU with M.S. and B.S. degrees in accounting in 2015.

BKD is a CPA and advisory company with about 2,400 personnel, including approximately 260 partners, based in 34 offices, serving clients in 50 states. Its Tulsa office is at 6120 S. Yale Ave., Suite 1400.

**Bingman appoints Cynthia Rogers to Incentive Evaluation Commission**

State Senate Pro Tem Brian Bingman, R-Sapulpa, appointed University of Oklahoma economist Cynthia Rogers to the Incentive Evaluation Commission.

Rogers has had a long career in academia, with extensive work on economic development and state and local tax policy research.

"Thoroughly evaluating economic incentives is a critical part of our overall effort to promote fiscally sound management of taxpayer dollars," Bingman said. "As our budget situation has made clear, we are at a point where we must carefully examine all state spending, and economic



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incentives will continue to be a part of that discussion. We provide more than \$1.7 billion in economic incentives, and to protect taxpayers we need to ensure they are effective."

A professor of economics at OU, Rogers has experience at the Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University, is a past president of the Southern Regional Science Foundation and serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Urban Affairs and the Review of Regional Studies. Rogers' term will expire in June 2020.

**Holiday Inn Express Broken Arrow employee wins local, state awards**

Broken Arrow-based SJS Hospitality employee Maria "Magda" Magdalena Salcido, guest services representative for the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Broken Arrow, was recognized as the state's Front Desk Employee of the Year at the Oklahoma Hotel and Lodging Association's Stars of the Industry Awards banquet on Jan. 19.

Salcido also received regional recognition as the Metro Tulsa Hotel and Lodging Association's Front Desk Employee of the Year last year. Both awards recognize the best and the brightest employees in the hospitality industry.

"Magda not only epitomizes the spirit of hospitality, she is a shining example to other rising stars in the industry," said Michelle Hartman, Director of Human Resources for SJS Hospitality. "She came to work for us originally as a housekeeper and quickly excelled at every level of promotion. We are proud to have her rep-



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resenting our company and serving our guests.

State winners are nominated for the national American Hotel & Lodging Association's Stars of the Industry Awards in May.

**Mazzio's names Stuart Myers vice president of marketing**

Mazzio's LLC has named Stuart Myers as vice president of marketing for Mazzio's Italian Eatery and Oliveto Italian Bistro.

Myers has more than 25 years of experience in marketing planning, promotional development, media management, field/local store marketing, brand development, and product development.

For the past 10 years he owned and operated United Marketing Communications, an award-winning marketing and media agency in the Dallas area specializing in the pizza industry.

Myers has increased sales and profits for leading regional and national restaurant franchisors/brands, including Domino's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza, Church's Chicken, Dairy Queen, KFC, Long John Silver's, and Freddy's Frozen Custard.

He served as vice president of marketing for the International Pizza Hut Franchise Holders Association and worked with franchisees representing more than 4,200 domestic Pizza Hut locations in the development of system marketing initiatives, regional and local media programs, and sales-building initiatives.