

# Community leader reception hosts Miss America



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Miss America 2007 Lauren Nelson

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When a celebrity comes to town, Tulsa takes notice. And when the person with the star power is a native Oklahoman, and beauty royalty to boot, the city makes a champagne toast.

When Miss America 2007 Lauren Nelson was here over the holidays, she was the guest of honor at a VIP Community Leader Reception at the Ambassador Hotel.

The event was held just hours before she climbed aboard a special Downtown Tulsa Unlimited float to be Grand Marshall of the PSO Parade of Lights.

Nelson, whose hometown is Lawton, told those at the party that she

has plans to move to Tulsa.

Among those at the reception were Stuart and Dana Solomon, Dave and Carol Sartin, Floyd and

Mary Schulte, Andrea Chancellor, Carole Hicks, Steve Fate, Ruth Ann Fate, Bill McKamey, Ken Tooman, Sharon Wilson, City Councilor Ma-

ria Barnes and her daughter, Jim Norton, Larry Fox, Cathy Berg and Tulsa Public Schools Superintendent Michael Zolkoski.

Nelson is the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network.

## Wish upon an auction

The Oklahoma Make-A-Wish Foundation will host a silent auction benefit at 7 p.m. Friday at Jewel (formerly Suede) on Brookside. Local musicians, the Rollin' Hombres, will provide the night's entertainment.

The students in the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy are raising money to grant the wish of an Oklahoma child with a life-threatening condition.

Their goal is \$6,500, which is the average cost of granting a wish that will enrich the lives of the children with hope, strength and joy. The Oklahoma City campus is holding a similar auction at Skky Bar in Brick-

town.

More than 50 items will be up for bid at the event. Donors include: sports memorabilia from OU, Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa; Jewel; The Cheese-cake Factory; the Renaissance Hotel; Crown Plaza Hotel; Fanatic; Cherokee Casino; ARCS Salon; Precision Art Tattoo; Panera Bread Co.; Chris's University; Elephant Bar; Enterprise Rent-a-Car; Eskimo Joe's; Fleet Feet Sports; Fox & Hound Pub & Grille; Goodyear Tires; Hibdon Tires; Best Buy; Jam-ba Juice; Johnny Carino's; hairstylist Julie Holder; artist Jackie Spell; Starbucks Coffee; The Territory; Sophisticated Images; Toni's Flowers & Gifts; The Masters Flowers; Weber Jewelry Designs; Lowe's; Lazy Day-z; Hloff Salon; DoubleTree Hotel; and more.

Cost to attend the event is \$10 per person.

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# Bluegrass in the park

## Festival kicks off at Western Hills Guest Ranch this week

By JENNIFER CHANCELLOR  
World Scene Writer

Western Hills Guest Ranch Lodge will come alive with fiddles and banjos, as the 29th annual Winter Bluegrass Festival kicks into full swing, Wednesday through Saturday.

The event, at Oklahoma State Lodge in Sequoyah State Park, 8 miles east of Wagoner on Oklahoma 51, will feature a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday by the Hougland Family, Mountain Gypsies, Oliphant Family and more.

Thursday will be a day of bluegrass

gospel music, featuring Cornerstone, Heartland Express, Springstreet, Zoo-grass Boys, Mountain Gypsies, Oliphant Family and more. A devotion, led by John Hougland, will start the event at 6:45 p.m.

Friday's events will begin just before 1 p.m., with bluegrass instrument workshops, including flat-top guitar, bass, fiddle, dobro and banjo lessons, according to a press release. Music will start at 7 p.m., featuring the Neverly Hillbillies, the Arbuckles and more.

Saturday, there are shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., featuring the Hunt Family, Heartland Express, Brightwater Junction and

more.

The event is organized in conjunction with the Oklahoma Tourism Department and Frontier Bluegrass.

Admission is \$10 on Wednesday and \$12 each day through Sunday. Children 12 and younger are admitted free with a paid adult. A four-day pass is \$35. For more information, call Don and Wilda Thomas of Shawnee, (405) 273-8578 or Western Hills Guest Ranch (918) 772-2545.

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# Fiddlers wanted for performance circle

By JENNIFER CHANCELLOR  
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Fiddlers, grab your bows and get ready to meet the "First Lady of Country Fiddle."

Beginning Tuesday, the 2008 Tulsa Fiddle Circle will meet on two Tuesday nights each month through May at Edison Preparatory School, on 41st Street between Lewis and Harvard avenues.

The group will be led by Emma Jane Pendleton, 14, the reigning Oklahoma Junior Fiddle Champion, and by her sister, Marina, 13. Their aim is to introduce more violinists to fiddling and to performance opportunities.

The group will use instructional books and CDs by Jana Jae, the "First Lady of Country Fiddle" from the TV show "Hee Haw." Jae, who lives in Tulsa and tours frequently, will assist at some of the fiddle circle meetings, according to a press release.

The girls conducted their first fiddle circle last year. Participants will learn tunes



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Jana Jae (center) performs with Emma Jane (left) and Marina Pendleton at the Cain's Ballroom. The Pendleton sisters will host the 2008 Tulsa Fiddle Circle.

that can be used as a "contest round" at events like the American Heritage Fiddle Festival in Grove in early June. A contest round consists of three songs — a hoedown, a waltz and a tune of choice other than a hoedown or waltz.

The sisters were classical violin students in 2001 when Jae introduced them to fiddling.

Last year, the sisters made a fiddling video, which was broadcast on the "Early Show" on CBS.

They appeared on three Tulsa TV stations and three Tulsa radio stations. Lyle Lovett asked them to fiddle a song with him at his Tulsa concert, and they performed for Garth Brooks at the recent gala in

his honor.

Tulsa-area violinists who would like to try old-time fiddling can register for the free 2008 Tulsa Fiddle Circle at [www.tulsaworld.com/FamilyFiddlers](http://www.tulsaworld.com/FamilyFiddlers).

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They're back

Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell return in the season premiere of "American Idol."

7 p.m., Fox, channel 23, cable channel 5

# Tube picks

Don't-miss TV for Tuesday

TV

**7 a.m.**  
8 **Good Morning America** Author Ashley Rhodes-Courter ("Three Little Words"); Diane Keaton; Maroon 5 performs. (HD) (CC)

9 **Today** Newt Gingrich; author Andrew Morton ("Tom Cruise"); chef Jose Andres.

**8 a.m.**  
6 **The Early Show** Stress-relieving gadgets. (CC)

**9 a.m.**  
5 **Rachael Ray** Fashion guru Steven Cojocar.

9 **Live With Regis and Kelly** Hank Azaria; Ellen Page ("Juno"); KT Tunstall performs.  
12 **The Tyra Banks Show** Tyra takes a closer look at the term "hooking up."

**10 a.m.**  
5 **The Martha Stewart Show** Chef Fabio Trabocchi.  
8 **The View** Blake Lewis.

3 p.m.

6 **Dr. Phil** Women who put pictures of themselves parting on the Internet. (CC)

9 **The Ellen DeGeneres Show** Dr. Drew Pinsky; illusionist Keith Barry.

**4 p.m.**  
6 **Oprah Winfrey** Meet the people behind Cold Stone Creamery and the Container Store; Gayle travels 2,000 miles for a sandwich. (CC)

**10:35 p.m.**  
6 **Late Show With David Letterman** Denzel Washington; comic Don Rickles.

**12:07 a.m.**  
6 **The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson** Drew Carey; Seth Gabel; Kate Nash performs. (CC)

**Changes**  
50 **209 MSNBC** Democratic Presidential Debate (8-10 p.m.)

## think ON THESE THINGS

By JOYCE SEQUICHIE HIFLER

Do we want to start the new year with better attitudes and better everything? Sure we do, no matter how good things are for us, we want them better. But how?

What do we talk about? What are we thinking? What do we think is important? What is our rule of thumb — what do we set our standards by? If these are new and

modern times, is there anything we have to avoid? Yes, all the time. Shake out your mind. What is it doing? Cobwebs, ugly words?

What would we really like to have in our lives? It all has to do with what we have provided for in our thinking. And the only way to get it is by the renewing of our minds, the way we express ourselves. Is it all a joke — a not so nice one? Start right there, clear out the dirt and stop being so proud of broken rules.

## calendar TODAY'S EVENTS theater

**Laughing Matter Improv class**, for ages 18 and older, 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, Heller Theatre, 5328 S. Wheeling Ave. 746-5065.

**music**  
**Jenks School Orchestra's Winter Concert**, featuring great music and door prizes, free, 7 p.m., Jenks High School Performing Arts Center, 205 E. B St., Jenks. 299-4415, ext. 2225.

**"An Oklahoma Centennial Concert,"** join the TCC Community Band and Orchestra for a concert that includes selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!," 7:30 p.m., TCC VanTrease Performing Art Center, 10300 E.

81st St. 595-7777.  
**Tuesdays at Trinity**, concert featuring organist Walter Stout, 12:05-12:35 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S. Cincinnati Ave. 582-4128.  
**Hyechka Women's Chorus** invites singers for the 2007-08 season, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Congregational Church, 2900 S. Harvard Ave. 628-0857.

**etc.**  
**"Demons, Golems and Dybbuks: Monsters of the Jewish Imagination,"** a part of the "Let's Talk About It!" reading and discussion series, join scholar Grant Matthew Jenkins of TU for the first in this five-part series exploring Jewish literature, "Satan in Goray" by Isaac Bashevis Singer will be the first selection, preregistration is required, call to register and reserve a book, 7-8:30 p.m., Central Li-

**exercise**  
**Stretch and Tone**, 8:45-10 a.m., All Souls Unitarian Church, Charles Dickens Room, second floor, 2952 S. Peoria Ave., 492-6356.  
**Aerobics/Pilates**, 6:15-7:15 p.m., Lacy Community Center, 2134 N. Madison Place. 596-1470.

**information**  
**"The Master Teacher Within,"** a series of classes to empower you with various meditation techniques for improved health, increased con-

centration and communion with God, facilitated by the Rev. Connie Smith, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, through Feb. 19, Unity Center of Tulsa, 1830 S. Boston Ave. 582-6624.

**Sugar Blues**, learn how refined sugar stresses the metabolism and the pancreas, health counselor Jona Eastman will teach about natural alternatives, 7-8 p.m., Wild Oats Market Place, 1401 E. 41st St. 712-7555.

**Kiowa class**, 7 p.m., Oliphant Hall, Room 141, University of Tulsa campus, 600 S. College Ave.

582-9361.  
**French lessons**, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Borders Books & Cafe, 2740 E. 21st St. 813-6798.

**Conversational German classes**, 7-9 p.m., German American Society of Tulsa, 2301 E. 15th St. 744-6997.

**English as a second language**, 6:30-8 p.m., Father's House Church, 7727 E. 41st St. 664-5420.

Submit items one week in advance to Events, Tulsa World, P.O. Box 1770, Tulsa, OK 74102, fax to 581-8353 or e-mail at [events@tul-](mailto:events@tul-saworld.com)

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