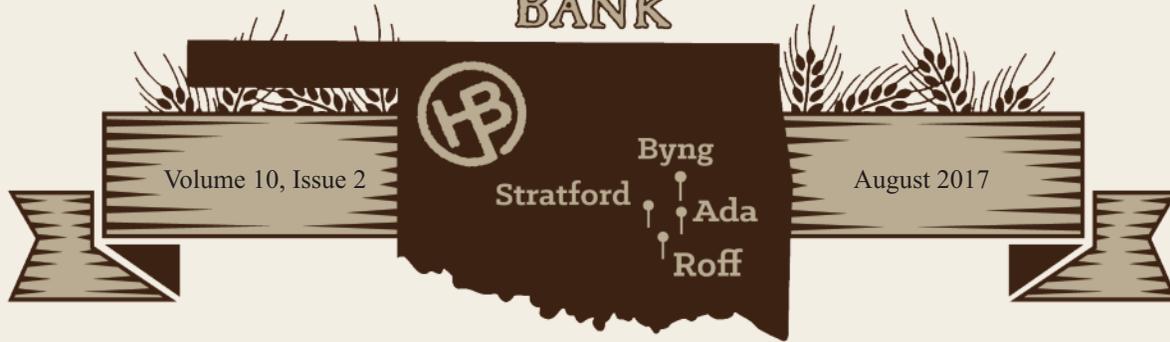


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How to Measure Success?

Last month America's sons and daughters graduated from schools across the country. Almost always this rite of passage is marked with a ceremony that includes a more or less thoughtful speech about the future facing the graduates. Having had the honor of giving a couple of commencement speeches (Ada High School and East Central University), each June I find myself reading and watching a variety of commencement addresses.

Invariably commencement speakers comment on the future and encourage the graduates to seek success, each along their life paths, guided by their own passions. And almost always the commencement speaker offers an interpretation of what future success will be . . . and these comments on how to measure future success vary widely. Of course, each speaker's measure of success is different.

In early June this year, I stopped for a few moments at the Roff headquarters of OHB Director Ron Tidwell's business (Double T Trading, LLC). While in the spacious central area of his offices, I noticed a small plaque hanging on the wall, containing Ralph Waldo Emerson's insightful poem, *What is Success?*

To laugh often and much;
 to win the respect of the intelligent people
 and the affection of children;
 to earn the appreciation of honest critics
 and endure the betrayal of false friends;
 to appreciate beauty;
 to find the best in others;
 to leave the world a bit better
 whether by a healthy child, a garden patch,
 or a redeemed social condition;
 to know that one life has breathed easier
 because you lived here.
 This is to have succeeded.

Even though Emerson died 135 years ago, his words in this poem live beyond his time, giving each of us a measure to use as we reflect on our own successes.

When I was home later that evening, I emailed my son, Eric, a copy of Emerson's poem and urged him to consider Emerson's wisdom. Within minutes, I received his reply email, "Dad, I have carried a copy of Emerson's poem in my billfold for years."

R. Darryl Fisher, MD
 Chairman
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Allyson McElroy Challenges OHB Staff with Motivational Presentation



Allyson McElroy stands with her husband Michael and OHB Chairman Darryl Fisher (r.) and OHB CEO Mike Jackson (l.) in front of the Teller station in the lobby of the OHB-Ada location during the quarterly staff meeting in July. Allyson, a well-known motivational speaker and Certified John Maxwell Coach and Trainer, spoke to the three dozen OHB staff at the dinner meeting on excelling in customer service.

For most of an evening hour in July, Allyson McElroy challenged, entertained, inspired, instructed, and motivated three dozen OHB staffers at OHB's quarterly staff meeting. Drawing upon her near two decades of direct customer service at People's Electric Cooperative (Ada) where, as Vice President-Member Services, she oversees all aspects of customer and member services from training to employee/member relations, Allyson connected with the OHB staff during her illustrated talk. She sprinkled her talk with personal anecdotes and interactive quizzes that illustrated communication skills, relationship building, conflict resolution, group identification, with many interpersonal tips for the staff in their daily contact with each other and the bank's friends and neighbors.

Allyson is a Certified John Maxwell Coach, Trainer and Speaker, having studied and trained in the well-known international leadership program where she gained her leadership skills to assist corporations, churches, and individuals in improving customer/client/people relations. From corporate-communication training to community-organization seminars to small group Lunch & Learn sessions, to customer-service meetings, Allyson's multifaceted leadership experience is designed to facilitate groups or individuals to excel and to develop their innate abilities.

Her customized presentations fit the individual's or team's needs and budget, and ultimately aim at increasing productivity. "Allyson's presentation at our OHB staff meeting, with her real-life stories and comments on ways to extend our commitment for outstanding customer service, brought new insight for all of us at OHB," CEO Mike Jackson said. "Her easy and comfortable style of delivering her message seemed as if she were talking to each person, one-on-one. We plan to have her talk to us again soon."

Allyson and her husband Michael and 10-year-old son live in Ada. Michael is the Ada Branch Manager for Gateway Mortgage Group, LLC. Allyson can be contacted by phone or text at (580) 279-8728. Or at <http://www.allysonmcelroy.com> or through Facebook.



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OHB VP/Ada Branch Manager Melissa Kelough models an example of OHB logo-clothing that OHB officers will be seen wearing in the bank and at various community events. See red arrow pointing to the OHB logo on her shirt. Following John T. Molloy's 1975 best-seller, *Dress for Success and The Women's Dress for Success Book* guidebook about the effect of clothing on a person's success in business and personal life, OHB recently introduced a variety of distinctive clothing for OHB staff. "All of us are enjoying the sense of identity that these distinctive clothing items bring to OHB. Even Dr. Fisher is wearing his OHB-logo shirts to meetings in and outside the bank," said CEO Mike Jackson.



Skip Dixon (r.), OHB Friend and Neighbor, received the Mark Costello Entrepreneurial Excellence Award on June 20 at the Santa Fe Depot in Pauls Valley. Joining the hundreds of Skip's friends in the afternoon celebration and presentation of the 2017 award for the Dixon Construction Company by Oklahoma Labor Commissioner Melissa Houston were OHB VP/Stratford Manager Lisa Chisum (c.), Asst. VP Jared Wells (l.), OHB CEO Mike Jackson (l. rear) and OHB Chairman Darryl Fisher (r. rear). Commissioner Houston commented that this annual state-wide award recognizes Dixon and his 40-year-old Wynnewood construction company for "giving back to the community and state" and "making a positive difference in the lives of so many."



OHB staff from all four bank locations gathered for a group photo in front of the Teller station in the lobby of the OHB location in Ada during the quarterly staff meeting in July.

Home Cookin' Peach and Arugula Salad with Blue Cheese



Summertime in Stratford brings juicy peaches that take on a smoky flavor when lightly grilled and combine perfectly with the blend of bleu cheese and arugula.

Preheat grill to high. Whisk together 3 tbsps of extra-virgin olive oil, 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar and salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste and set aside. Halve and pit 2 peaches (any variety will do), cutting each into 6 wedges. Brush the wedges with the oil and grill 20 seconds on each side. Add 5 oz (about 8 cups) baby arugula and ½ cup thinly sliced red onion to dressing; toss lightly to coat. Arrange peaches on top. Garnish with 1 oz crumbled bleu cheese and 1/4 cup chopped toasted hazelnuts. Serves 4.

Try baby spinach in place of the baby arugula; instead of blue cheese, use goat cheese or feta. Can use walnuts, almonds or pecans instead of hazelnuts.

Adapted from Parade, 2017



OHB Asst. VP Jared Wells admires Craig Pullin's peaches, just picked from his Stratford orchard to be taken to the 41st Annual Stratford Peach Festival where 1000+ friends and neighbors gathered for the July weekend events of family fun.



Jared Wells (l.) stands with Bo and Twolla Newsom at their Peach Festival booth. Bo and Twolla film and produce *Okie Wild*, a hunting and fishing program airing on Sunday 9:30 AM, on KAUT 43.1.

Jared Wells (l.) stopped at the Peach Festival's Dunk-the-Teacher concession where long lines of friends waited to try their turn to send Stratford coach Kyle Wood (in the dunk booth), school principal Paul Savage (c.) and school superintendent Michael Blackburn (r.) splashing into the pool of water . . . all in good fun and for a good cause!



Jared Wells (l.) stands with Tracy and Kevin Truett, owners and operators of the brand-new Pigskins Barbeque Restaurant, a family-owned business in Ada for ten years. Their daughter Rylenn stands with them in the entrance to the restaurant the Truets designed and built.



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Kevin and Tracy Truett: Their Pigskins Barbeque Life

by Will Martin, VP/Byng Branch Manager



OHB VP Lending-Byng Branch Manager Will Martin (r.) stands with Tracy and Kevin Truett, owners and operators of the brand-new Pigskins Barbeque Restaurant, a family-owned business in Ada for ten years. Their daughter Rylenn stands with them in the entrance to the restaurant the Truets designed and built.

Barbeque in the hands of a talented and experienced 'Pitmaster', such as Oklahoma-born and raised Kevin Truett, brings forth a wonder of delicious bbq treats. A barbeque Pitmaster is not a frivolous title but is rightfully earned by those few barbeque chefs, such as Kevin, who have spent years learning the perfect way to barbeque every kind of meat over red-hot coals, creating smoky 'que delicacies. Kevin's Pigskin specials, available on different days, show off his skill as a Pitmaster: ribs and catfish, cowboy cakes, smoked barbeque burgers, loaded nachos, smoked meatloaf, and smoked ribeye steak.

Kevin's remarkable barbeque is becoming so well known that Pigskins fans are comparing him to Ada's generation-ago Bob's Barbeque that once upon-a-time captivated generations of fine-barbeque seekers from all around Oklahoma. A decade ago, Kevin and Tracy first began serving their barbeque from a local doughnut shop in Ada, expanding to a leased location five years later as word spread of their consistently outstanding barbeque. The Truets' ten-year success with Pigskins led them to designing and building the latest Pigskins, a comfortable and spacious restaurant at 1711 Stonebriar (next door to the Hampton Inn).

Ada insiders and those of a certain age around Ada will appreciate the homage that Kevin and Tracy have created with the Pigskins' name. The reputation for success that Tracy's dad and granddad (the legendary football coaches Gary and Craig McBroom) earned with the championship Ada High School Cougar teams seemed a fitting reference for their family business. And certainly the Pigskins restaurant has been carrying forward this family's winning tradition.

Check out their facebook page @ pigskins-bbq. Call ahead (580-332-3898) and pick up your order or stop by for the finest in barbeque. Either way you will be in the hands of friendly and experienced champions.



OHB President Dustin Riddle (l.) stands with Brent Snider (owner) and Lisa Garver (waitstaff) at *The Shed*. This recently refurbished and repurposed Pauls Valley restaurant has become well known as one of the top choices for eating out in the area. This TripAdvisor® review is typical of many such compliments: "Great new spot. Have eaten several things on the menu and all tasted great. Love the fried chicken, fresh good crispy breading." The Shed's specialties include fried pickles and "Burgers, Wings, & Things." *The Shed* offers casual dining in a family atmosphere at 2602 W. Grant Ave., Pauls Valley. (405) 926-2081 <http://www.theshedpv.com/>



Attending the Grand Opening of *Shoe Sensation* in Pauls Valley were OHB Asst VP Jared Wells and Loan Processor Karen Dowling. Jared and Karen joined the ceremonial ribbon cutting along with employees and managers of the new business and members of the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce.



OHB-Ada Branch Manager Melissa Kelough (r.) stands with Brenda (c.) and Patty Revels (l.) in front of *Mail-Parcels & More* at Arlington Shopping Center where Brenda, her brother Darold, and his wife Patty have operated the family's business since 2012, offering mail and delivery services through UPS, USPS, and FED EX. 902 Arlington Ctr., Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-8884

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