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### Five promoted at Texas Bank and Trust

Five promotions were announced at Texas Bank and Trust's annual Employee Awards Dinner on March 19.

Keith Purvis was promoted to senior vice president, commercial lending; Bry Baker was promoted to vice president and loan operations manager; Aida Howard was promoted to trust administrative officer; and Braden King and Blaine Warrick were

promoted to banking officers and portfolio managers in commercial lending.

Purvis has been employed with the bank as a consumer and commercial lender since October 2005. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance and a minor in real estate.

Baker joined the bank in 2012 in credit administration and subsequently served in its compliance area as HMDA/CRA coordinator. She holds an associate of science degree from Northeast Texas Community College and a bachelor of applied arts and science degree from Texas A & M University–Texarkana.

Howard has been employed with the bank since March 2014, when she began as an accountant in its trust division. She has most recently worked as trust operations coordinator. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree in management from Wiley College.

King is a graduate of Longview High School and holds a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from Sam Houston State University, where he was member of the university's football team.

Warrick began with the bank as a credit analyst in June 2013. A graduate of Hallsville High School, he holds a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from Henderson State University.

Energy symposium set May 7 at KC

Updates on the East Texas oil field will be among the topics covered during the 10th Annual East Texas Energy Symposium May 7 at Kilgore College, 1100 Broadway Blvd., Kilgore.

The symposium begins at 9 a.m. with a tour of the East Texas Oil Museum, followed at 10 a.m. with a symposium in the Charles Devall Student Center.

John Howie, senior vice president of Tellurian and president of Tellurian Production Co., will open the symposium. He will be followed by Mukal Sharma, W.A. "Tex" Moncrief Jr. centennial chair in the Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin; and William A. Ambrose, research scientist at the Bureau of Economic Geology.

Mark Goloby, president of TC Technologies, will be keynote speaker during the luncheon, which starts at 11:45 a.m.

TC Technologies, the East Texas Oil Museum and Kilgore College will host the symposium.

April 30 is the registration deadline. Tickets cost \$50, and include lunch and a tour of the museum.

For more information, call Olivia Moore, museum manager, at (903) 983-8297, or email [omoore@kilgore.edu](mailto:omoore@kilgore.edu).

### **Governor's council recognizes TSTC**

MARSHALL — Five technical programs at Texas State Technical College were recently recognized by the office of the Governor's Texas Workforce Investment Council at a ceremony in Austin.

Associate of Applied Science degree programs for Biomedical Equipment Technology, Electrical Lineworker Technology, Process Operations, Solar Energy Technology and Wind Energy Technology were recognized for merging industry-defined skills standards into hands-on learning.

With students learning the skills standards, the programs are meeting the needs of state employers in creating a competitive workforce, according to the Workforce Investment Council.

Only 23 Texas colleges offer programs with the industry-defined skills standards designation, according to the council, which promotes development of a highly skilled, well-educated workforce.

For more information on Texas State Technical College, visit [tstc.edu](http://tstc.edu) .

### **Attorneys sought for education, pro bono**

Lone Star Legal Aid and the Pro Bono Committee of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas are jointly offering a free Family Law Essentials continuing legal education seminar on Friday, May 3, at the Institute for Healthy Living in Longview.

Attorneys who volunteer to accept two pro bono cases referred by Lone Star Legal Aid will attend the course for free. These attorneys will be representing clients whose income is below or near the federal poverty level, some of whom have been referred to Lone Star Legal Aid by other area nonprofits. Experienced attorneys from across the state of Texas as well as local judges will be speaking at the seminar about a variety of family law topics.

Funding received by legal aid offices can only cover a small percentage of the civil legal needs of low-income clients in East Texas. Raising awareness and recruiting pro bono volunteer attorneys is vital for increasing Access to Justice, according to Sarah White, Managing Attorney with Lone Star Legal Aid.

The Longview branch office of Lone Star Legal Aid serves eligible clients who reside in Gregg, Harrison, Upshur, Rusk, Panola, Marion, and Camp Counties with a variety of civil legal issues.

For information about registering for this seminar, or for individuals wishing to apply for services, contact Lone Star Legal Aid at (903) 758-9123.

### **Business Solutions Summit set May 1**

The Longview Chamber of Commerce will feature a social media and digital marketing expert, present the 2019 Small Business Awards and conduct a graduation ceremony during Business Solutions Summit May 1.

Frank J. Kenny will be the keynote speaker for the awards luncheon in the Infinity Event Center at the Holiday Inn, 300 Tuttle Circle. His talk will be titled “Go Digital and Get Results.”

The Longview chamber will honor the following recipients of the 2019 awards: Minority and Family Owned Business of the Year, Jodac Office Outfitters; Small Business of the Year, Encore Multimedia Inc.; and Entrepreneur of the Year, Heartisans Marketplace.

The graduation ceremony will honor 23 people who underwent nine months of leadership training and development. Its signature project is an outdoor waiting area for clients of Longview Community Ministries.

For more information, contact David Jochum at [djochum@longviewtx.com](mailto:djochum@longviewtx.com), call the chamber at (903) 237-4000, or register online at [LongviewChamber.com/eventdirectory](http://LongviewChamber.com/eventdirectory) .

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