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Tulsans are a charitable lot, and those raising funds do their best to make their events rewarding and engaging.

If you're looking for a fun way to help people in the community, read on!

Rockin' Docs 2008

Sure they're good at finding your pulse, but can they make you dance? Find out when the second annual battle of the bands featuring area doctors takes place at Cain's Ballroom, 423 N. Main St.

Rockin' Docs 2008 will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday. Bands will compete for a judges' award and a people's choice award. Ballots for the people's choice are \$2; admission is \$10.

The event is a part of the Tulsa Area United Way's annual fundraiser campaign.

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Brush Creek Bazaar and Fresh Market

You can almost taste the cider at the mention of Brush Creek Bazaar and Fresh Market.

This year's bazaar of gift items, arts, crafts, confections and more will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The bazaar continues from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Brush Creek Youth Ranch, 10900 S. Louisville Ave. It benefits the ranch and Teen Challenge Oklahoma, which works to provide youth, adults and families with faith-based solutions to substance abuse and other issues.

749-0101, tulsaworld.com/brushcreekbazaar

Biker Bash

Someone will drive away from the Victory of Tulsa lot Saturday with a new motorcycle. It's the highlight of Saturday's Biker Bash, benefiting Cancer Sucks, featuring live music, food, a bike show, vendors and raffles from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The ultimate, however, is the drawing for a custom-painted Cancer Sucks Victory motorcycle.

250-1400, tulsaworld.com/cancersucks

Holiday Market

It's the season for "Trick, Treat, Sparkle & Sweets," the annual Holiday Market fair benefiting Junior League of Tulsa, beginning 6 p.m. Thursday with a preview party (tickets \$35) followed by three days of book discussions with authors, holiday decorating and makeover ideas for all ages. But don't forget the market with gift items, tableware, clothing, furs, jewelry and more.

Admission is \$5 each day and shopping hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 12, at the John Q. Hammons Arena, Union Multipurpose Activity Center, 6836 S. Mingo Road.

663-6100, tulsaworld.com/JuniorLeague

Hair Blowout

Luck is a lady with big hair and feathers at the Reed Johnson Salon and Spa, 1336 E. 15th St.

The Halloween Hair Blowout starts at 7 p.m. Saturday. Featuring the girls of Eye Candy Burlesque, prepare yourself to see the ultimate in Old Vegas-style 'dos, sequins, red gloves and "Ocean's Eleven" cool. The event benefits Volunteers of America-Oklahoma.

Advance tickets are \$15. At the door, they're \$18.

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Rotary gala will honor Toby Keith



Pfc. John Lowe (left), Rotary Club of Will Rogers President Shannon Benge, Janet Youngblood, Melanie Fugatt and Sgt. Gary Henderson gather at the Sand Springs Armory. The Rotary Club will honor Toby Keith with the Spirit Award on Nov. 4 at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills. TOM GILBERT/Tulsa World

Just say Toby Keith will be honored at the Rotary Club of Will Rogers Gala, and the result is a resounding, "I want to be there."

That's what we are all saying, so the advice is to plan now.

The Patriotic Country theme event is set on Election Night, Nov. 4, at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills when singer/songwriter Toby Keith will receive the Spirit Award.

The evening gets under way at 5:30 with a program, and dinner immediately follows.

The program will include a U.S. military patriotic presentation, a performance by Tulsa musician Thomas Martinez and a fun "Roast & Toast" from some of Toby's well-known friends.

Remember, this is the Will Rogers Gala. To that end, club members note that Keith, like Rogers, is from Oklahoma, is an entertainer, has starred in several movies, and is a humanitarian — raising large amounts of money for children's charities, as well as having completed six USO tours where he performed 93 shows in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Toby also toured Africa with Gen. James Jones, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, on a U.S. goodwill mission.

Proceeds from this year's gala will be shared between Ally's House — a special charity supported by Toby Keith — and the Rotary Club of Will Rogers Scholarship Program. Ally's House helps Oklahoma kids with



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cancer and their families. Donations will be used to assist these families with medical and travel expenses, clothing, groceries, short-term housing, overdue bills, prescriptions, hospice care and funeral expenses.

Sponsors for the "Patriotic Country" Gala are Cherokee Casino, Cox Communications, KJRH 2 Works For You, K95.5FM, Southwood Landscape & Nursery, TNT Staff Pro, Charles and Marlean Cole, Lynnwood & Paula Moore, Flintco Inc., ProSource, CJC Architects, Tulsa Technology Center, Rich & Cartmill, and Magee, Rausch & Shelton, LLP.

Major sponsors will enjoy a private reception with Keith as well as a chance to have a photo taken with him.

Individual tickets are \$125 per person.

Sponsorships range from \$25,000 to \$10,000, \$6,000, \$3,200 and \$1,700.

For more information, contact Melanie Fugatt, Ascent Special Event Planning & Solutions, by e-mailing ascentevents@cox.net, or calling TNT Staff Pro at 749-6393.

'Flash of Genius' drama needs a bit more sparkle

BY KIM BROWN
World Scene Writer

After watching "Flash of Genius," you'll not look at your windshield wipers the same way again.

The film is based on the invention of the intermittent windshield wiper — the ones that pause every few seconds.

The based-on-real-life story and courtroom drama isn't one we haven't seen before, and on the surface it's not very sexy. But what the movie lacks in originality and entertainment value, it makes up for in Greg Kinnear's terrific turn as inventor Bob Kearns.

We first meet Kearns as

he's being escorted off a bus by troopers, who tell him his family is worried about him. He claims he's on his way to Washington, D.C., to meet the vice president. He's clearly delusional.

We flash back to the early 1960s in Detroit, when a much-happier engineering professor wonders aloud, on the car ride home from church with his family, why windshield wipers work only in one speed. He's consequently consumed with his idea and sets out to invent his "blinking" windshield wiper on his own.

Kearns might be a genius, but he's no hero. In his efforts to perfect his invention and fulfill his dream

of manufacturing it, director Marc Abraham shows him shirking his duties as husband to his wife, played by the seemingly ageless Lauren Graham, and father to their six children.

After negotiating through a friend's company, Kearns lands a deal with Ford. But the deal is dropped flat, and he's essentially told to pretend it never happened.

Of course, Ford begins to roll out Mustangs loaded with intermittent wind-

shield wipers.

Eventually, Kearns has his day in court, and this is the best part of the movie. He represents himself, and as Kearns connects with the jury, the character begins to connect with the audience. He's just a guy who wants what he deserves, and Kinnear has a knack for playing the everyday man simply but not condescendingly.

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REVIEW

Flash of Genius

Stars: Greg Kinnear, Lauren Graham

Theater: Southroads 20, Cinemark Tulsa, Starworld 20

Running time: 1 hour, 59 minutes

Rated: PG-13 (brief strong language)

Quality: ★★★ (on a scale of zero to four stars)

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