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WIZARDS WITH COMPUTERS, TECH

BY DEANNA EVANS

Local businessman and Marine veteran James Brown teamed up with other veterans and technology specialists to form Cabala Consolidated LLC last year. The business opened on Jan. 1, 2019.

"I saw Bartlesville had a need for computer repair," said Brown.

In addition to the experience he gained during his two enlistments in the Marines, Brown earned his degree in information technology last year from the University of Phoenix and San Diego State University. With nearly 20 years of experience, Brown has multiple IT certificates and his local work history includes previous employment with DSR.

"I had experience with fixing my own computers, and previously owned Semper Fix It in Ponca City," Brown said.

In addition to Brown, Cabala Consolidated is owned by Aaron Forth, James Manios, and Connor Crichton.

While they all have varied backgrounds, Brown said they have one thing in common — they all love technology.

"We want our customers to get to know who is behind what we do here at Cabala Consolidated," said Brown. "This is not just any normal IT Consulting company. We are passionate about helping our customers."

How did they come up with the name Cabala Consolidated? Brown said it started with the meaning of the word, cabal. According to Wikipedia, a cabal is "a group of people united in some close design, usually to promote their private views or interests in an ideology, state, or other community, often by intrigue and usually unbeknownst to those outside their group."

Brown also discussed Cabala as a religious Jewish tradition of mystical interpretation of the Bible during the Middle Ages.

"Technology is our specialty, sort of like we are wizards with computers being our magic," said Brown. "We have focused our lives studying and gaining knowledge in technology, and some people tell us we work miracles or magic with computers, so we ran with it."

Cabala Consolidated provides technology solutions for home and business.

"Computers are our passion and ... we strive for customer satisfaction, and being able to provide affordable technology solutions," said Brown.

Cabala Consolidated is located at 336 NE Spruce Ave. in Bartlesville. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, please call Brown at 918-550-4916 or email him at james@cabalaconsolidated.com.

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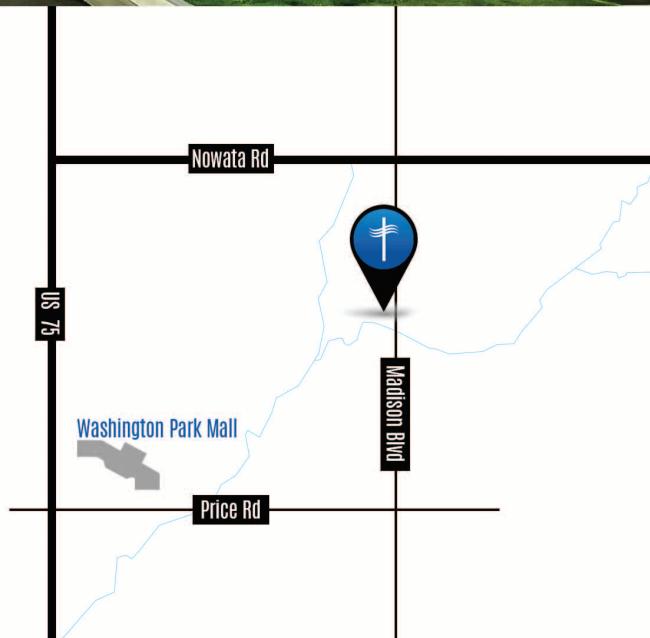
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Golden, Glowing Skin Just a Spray Away

Spray Tans by Lace Offers Custom Air Brush Spray Tans

by Deanna Evans

Are you ready to show off your summer skin? If not, Lacey Calhoun of Spray Tans by Lace is offering custom air brush spray tans that are worthy of celebrity status.

Lace was trained by celebrity spray tan artist Erin Tietsort, who started her own career in Los Angeles, California, where she was trained for a popular television show called *Sunset Tan* on E! Entertainment. Tietsort owned InnerGlow Spray Tan in Tulsa for 11 years and shared her knowledge with Calhoun.

"When I decided to take my spray tan business from my bathroom to a full-time business, I wanted to be trained by the best," said Lace. "How lucky was I that Erin Tietsort was only an hour away in Tulsa. I couldn't believe I was being trained by the person who tans all my favorite celebrities! She is the best of the best in celebrity spray tanning. I feel so grateful to do what I love every day and meet amazing people."

Lace started her business in June 2019 and has many satisfied customers, some of whom have shared their experiences with Spray Tans by Lace on her Facebook page. One customer said, "Lacey has taken her training and years of experience to a mastery level. All my spray tans by Lacey have been tailor-blended to my natural

skin color and chemistry for the best results every time. The solution is not just sprayed on, but artistically applied to areas that accent athletic contouring. Her knowledge of the best products for prepping the skin before the tanning session and maintaining the tan afterwards gets expert results that celebrities would expect from their sessions. Spray Tans by Lace is by far the best in this area."

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Sizzlin' Summer Series

Tower Center at Unity Square Grand Opening Set

by Maria Gus

Tower Center at Unity Square officially opened to the public on May 29 — but the real celebration is coming July 10, as the new urban green space kicks off its Sizzlin' Summer Series with a "Beach Party" for the whole family.

"We are so excited to finally see this work come to life," said Val Callaghan, managing director of the Bartlesville Community Center, which will oversee the park. "I am so overwhelmed with happiness every time I go out there and see people enjoying the new space."

Many Bartlesville residents have been enjoying the green space since it opened, and the Bartlesville Public Library has a host of

classes available for the public. Classes offered include yoga, tai chi, and other exercise offerings. The library is also hosting several outdoor events for children in the coming weeks.

Monday, June 1 was the first Food Truck Monday at Unity Square, and organizers said there was a non-stop stream of lunch guests. The Bartlesville Community Center provided picnic tables, and several guests brought blankets and enjoyed the musical instrument garden. The vision for bringing the community together seems to have come at just the right time.

The July 10 grand opening promises to bring the beach to Bartlesville, at least in spirit. The event will feature live music, food trucks, and children (or the young at heart!) can cool off under the spray of a Bartlesville Fire Department fire truck. Other activities and games will also be available, and residents are encouraged to check out the yard game collection available at the Bartlesville Library. The festivities kick off at 6 pm.

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Although organizers had hoped to hold the opening in May, they chose to delay in order to be fully prepared to adhere to city and state guidelines due to COVID-19. BCC staff is certain that the outdoor celebration will absolutely be worth the wait.

Besides the many activities and events residents can expect in the coming weeks, Unity Square is also available for rental. Currently, three areas are available for rent to the public, including the green, the stage, or the fountain. The beautiful "Native Color at Unity Square," designed by Amie Jacobsen, should begin installation in early fall. Once the interactive water feature is installed, the flowers area will also be available for rent.

"The four areas are stunning," said BCC events coordinator Lisa Welch. "We can help with event planning, equipment rental, and anything else you might need for your festival, party, or wedding." Welch added that event organizers can also utilize the BCC should they wish to have a ceremony outside and then party inside.

Tower Center at Unity Square is filled with native trees and plants that celebrate the Oklahoma habitat while surrounded by the beautiful architecture of the Price Tower and the Taliesin-designed Bartlesville Community Center. The park is inspired by the works of the Frank Lloyd Wright Taliesin Fellowship, and is the result of collaboration of the Bartlesville community.

For more information about booking the space for your event, go to unitysquarebartlesville.com or contact the Bartlesville Community Center staff at 918-337-2787.



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Let our experienced staff help you pick the perfect outdoor space for your event. Choose from four stunning areas: the green; stage; fountain; or the flowers [interactive water feature — coming November 2020!] If you can't decide on one area, rent the entire space!

We can help you with personal planning advice, catering recommendations, event rental equipment, and more. We also have rain venue options at the nearby Bartlesville Community Center just in case.



Any portion of the Tower Center at Unity Square may be reserved in advance and placed on the Tower Center at Unity Square Event Calendar. When an area is not reserved, the use

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Do the Math

Buying a Home Now May Be More Affordable

(BPT) — At a time when the strength of the U.S. economy and personal finance is on most renters' minds, low down payment mortgage options are more appealing than ever. With mortgage interest rates being at historic lows, it is possible to qualify for a home loan while keeping a rainy day fund.

Private mortgage insurance (MI) has been around for decades and helped over 1.3 million homebuyers last year. It is a temporary cost that allows for a down payment as small as 3% of the purchase price. While some borrowers wait until they save 20% for a down payment, the added years of saving can translate to higher interest rates and more expensive home prices.

"Renters who are on the hunt to buy should do the math and consider what is best for them, because many times they will find that buying with a low down payment insured mortgage is in their best interest. It may enable them to attain homeownership sooner than they otherwise could, which helps them take advantage of historic low rates and keep some of their savings intact," said Lindsey Johnson, President of U.S. Mortgage Insurers (USMI).

If you are one of these renters looking to buy your first home but don't have 20% down, don't worry, you are not alone. According to the National Association of Realtors, the median down payment in 2019 was 6% for first-time buyers.

It is true you can qualify for a conventional mortgage with a down payment as small as 3% of the purchase price. In today's mar-

ket, it could take a family earning the national median income up to 21 years to save 20%, according to calculations by USMI.

How can buying now save you money later?

Consider you want to purchase a \$275,000 home. When you account for closing costs (about 3% of the sales price), a 5% down payment is \$13,750 versus \$63,250 in cash for 20% down. With a 740 credit score at today's MI rates, your monthly MI payment would be about \$115, which is added to your monthly mortgage payment until the MI can be cancelled. MI typically cancels after five years.

With home price appreciation, today's \$275,000 home will likely cost more in the years ahead. This will also have an impact on the necessary down payment and length of time required to save for it. There are other variables in the equation too, such as interest rates. As interest rates rise, so too will the cost of mortgage financing.

Not all MI is the same. Importantly, FHA Loans are government-backed loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration versus a private insurer. These mortgages require a slightly higher down payment, the insurance is permanent, and the monthly premiums generally cannot be cancelled.

Make sure you do the math. There are many online mortgage calculators that can help. Check out lowdownpaymentfacts.org to learn more.



3 Ways to Give Your Home's Curb Appeal a Boost

(BPT) - Homeowners only get one chance to make a first impression. That's one chance to impress potential buyers, family, friends and neighbors with the first thing they see: your home's exterior.

From simple upgrades to meticulous landscaping projects and replacing an outdated roof, there are dozens of options to enhance the appearance of your home's exterior. Improvements don't need to break the bank or take a year to complete. By focusing on three simple areas, you can change the entire look of your home that you'll appreciate every time you pull into your driveway.

Landscaping

The key to curb appeal is balancing what makes you happy with what works in your community. Take a moment to observe the types of trees, plants and flowers in your surroundings and look for ways to incorporate them into your yard.

Planting flowers is one of the easiest, most cost-effective ways to make an impact. Flowers along the sidewalk, in front of the house, inside flower boxes, pouring

out of hanging baskets, or even in berms and raised garden beds, provide a boost to your curb appeal. Exercise your creativity by combining plants of different height, texture and color in the same container. By sticking to perennial plants native to your environment, you will not have to worry about replanting every year.

Roofing

Redesigning the style and color of your roof is a dramatic and effective strategy for improving curb appeal.

"Your roof accounts for 50% of your home's exterior," said Stephen McNally, vice president of sales and marketing for TAMKO Building Products LLC. "Updating the shingles on your roof is going to make a huge impact on the overall appearance of your home - take advantage of it."

Start by evaluating roofing choices for compatibility with your existing siding as well as the style of your home. If your home has a busy exterior with more than one contrasting color, try adding a classic, rustic color like TAMKO's Weathered Wood. If your home's exterior is a more neutral

shade, try adding a vibrant colored shingle to stand out in your neighborhood. To learn more visit www.tamko.com.

Paint

Whether you're updating your color scheme or applying a fresh coat, painting is an easy way to update your home's look from the street in a big way. Depending on your budget, this project can be big or small. To make the most significant impact, consider painting the entire house. This will bring new life to paint that has lost its luster or possibly a new palette of color to incorporate into your yard. Although this project can call for a larger investment, the result will pay off in the end.

If your budget is more limited, focus on the areas that catch the eye. Give shutters and trim a fresh coat of paint, or paint the front door a bright shade of red or blue.

You don't have to make a large investment to make a large impact. Focusing on key areas of your home's exterior will refresh the entire appearance of the home and provide a facelift that's within your reach.

Beautify Your Space

A Few Simple Ways to Beautify Your Outdoor Area

(BPT) — Whether it's a quaint patio, a simple garden, a rolling expanse of land, or the many possibilities in between, the backyard is the perfect place to unwind. As people spend more time at home, creating a personal outdoor sanctuary is more important than ever before.

Fortunately you don't need a lot of time or space to create an outdoor escape you'll enjoy for months to come. Here are some simple, affordable ideas for transforming any space into an outdoor oasis where you can release stress and reconnect to Mother Nature:

Step 1: Pull up a chair

A place to sit and relax is essential so you can fully enjoy your outdoor space. This doesn't mean you have to order a whole new set of patio furniture though. Just one or two chairs, along with a table for your favorite beverage, can be an inviting start. You could even update a worn outdoor chair with a fresh coat of outdoor paint and new cushions and you'll get a brand new look for less. Add a few outdoor accent pillows for a splash of personality and to make the space reflect the same level of comfort found indoors.



Step 2: Define the space

You can create an outdoor room by defining the space strategically. Adding a rug is a great way to give the space a more intimate feel, just make sure it's made for outdoor use specifically to stand up to the elements. You can also create a sense of

enclosure with potted plants lined in the corners or along the sides to create the visual illusion of a wall. Try your hand at container gardening and you'll enhance your space and provide fresh vegetables and herbs for home cooking.

Step 3: Add decorative accents

To make an outdoor space feel like your own, add a few thoughtful decorations. Outdoor mirrors are trending and an affordable, upscale addition to your outdoor areas. Decor such as signs, statues, and mosaics can add style to any space. To add elements of relaxation, consider a rock garden, fountain, or wind chimes, which will help you escape stress while stimulating the senses.

Step 4: Enjoy Daily

Create a routine to enjoy your outdoor space daily. Schedule a morning meditation, afternoon escape, or evening happy hour. Raise a glass of your favorite wine and toast to living life to the fullest, even from the comfort of your backyard. Whether it's a crisp sauvignon blanc, supple rosé, lush chardonnay, mouth-watering red blend or rich cabernet sauvignon, it's the perfect way to enjoy your outdoor oasis.

