

• HONOR IS HIGHEST PRESENTED BY OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF GROUP

Norman architect receives Lifetime Achievement Award

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Architect Fred Schmidt, a principal of Frankfurt-Short-Bruza, recently was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The award is AIA Oklahoma's highest honor and only three such awards have ever been presented.

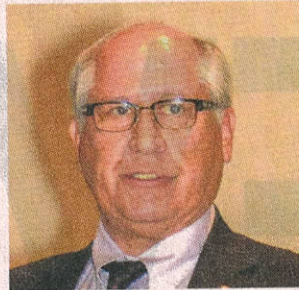
Schmidt is known for his passion for advancing the architecture profession through public awareness, through educational programs for K-12 students, and by mentoring college architecture majors.

"We are so extremely proud of Fred," said Rick Johnson, chief operating officer of Frankfurt-Short-Bruza. "It is an

honor at FSB for one of our principals to be recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by peers in the industry. Fred is most deserving for what he has done for the industry and for his body of work that has improved the quality of many communities."

Schmidt serves on the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Board of Advisors. He is a Leadership Oklahoma City alumnus, Class XXII; a past president of AIA Central Oklahoma; and is active on many other community committees and boards.

"As architects, we are stewards of the built environment and must be diligent in creating public awareness of the positive virtues of a quality-built environment and of the



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value of the architect's role and contribution to that environment," Schmidt said. "We must also lead by example and work with those young people that come behind us to inspire, mentor and help in any way we can."

Schmidt, with 38 years of experience, is an author and guest lecturer. As a principal at FSB, he leads the market sector for the

firm's education division. Some of his project highlights include work on the Oklahoma Capitol dome, the Advanced Technology Center at Oklahoma State University, the Center for Transformative Learning at the University of Central Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Visitor Center.

Schmidt, a Norman resident for 46 years, holds a degree in architecture from the University of Oklahoma; he won the Outstanding Alumni Award in 2010 from the College of Architecture. He was an adjunct professor for eight years. He has served on the OU College of Architecture Board of Visitors and currently is chairman of the Professional Advisory Board of the Division of Architecture.

Feds seek court order to halt turbine project

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Last month when the U.S. government filed a federal lawsuit against a wind development near Pawhuska, the Osage Nation complained that it wouldn't stop construction in time.

With wind turbines already rising and power generation scheduled to start next summer, the case probably wouldn't be heard before the Osage Wind project was finished,

With more than 90 turbines planned, construction will remove more than 60,000 cubic yards of limestone and other rocks that, under federal law, belong to the tribe, according to arguments filed Tuesday in federal court.

This new request for a preliminary injunction, if granted, would "put an immediate halt to the unauthorized mining activities now taking place," according to a statement

surface owner needs a permit, according to court records. But the wind-farm construction, with at least seven turbine foundations completed, has already exceeded that limit, accord-

Mustang Run, would add 68 more turbines on land adjacent to the wind farm now under construction.

With citizens complaining, in part, that wind turbines were destroying the scenic beauty of the open prairie, the board voted earlier this year to deny a permit for Mustang Run. But District Judge Robert Haney criticized the board for denying a permit for a second development after approving the earlier wind project.

"It seems inconsistent," Haney wrote, demanding that the project be allowed

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Q: Sunday is the d for seniors receiving care to change insurance plans for their drug coverage. Do recipients change plans?

A: No, but it's important for seniors on Medicare to review their insurance every year because there can be significant changes in these drug plans. These include increases in their monthly premiums, the co-pays you pay for drugs. The plan also may remove one or more medications from your physician's list. Your medications could be removed, and you could save \$36,000 on your drug plan and savings one.

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A: There are 30 different prescription drug plans available. These plans vary in premiums and co-pays. Your coverage is selected when you choose to get the Medicare Advantage plan. Medicare Advantage plans offer coverage for Part A, Part B, and Part D. They also offer provider benefits. Medicare Advantage plans have different rules about which services are available in specific areas. Medicare Advantage plans also have a network of providers. Enrolled beneficiaries must get prior authorization for certain services.

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A: They can call (800) 444-6213 seven days a week for counselors with the Medicare Access and Mobility (MAP). Last year, Medicare agencies across the country helped thousands of seniors. Counselors can be reached by phone, as well as in person at their local Medicare office to receive face-to-face counseling.

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A: When calling the toll-free number, beneficiaries are asked for a list of all the medications they are currently taking, a list of all the doctors they see, and a list of all the hospitals they visit. It's very important to have this information on hand when you call. Medicare will cover all the costs of the medications you are taking.