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Spotlight on the Market

[Rise in e-commerce is reshaping Oklahoma's retail workforce](#)

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In the last decade, retail jobs in the state grew from 171,300 to 181,500 when seasonally adjusted, according to Lynn Gray with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. From September 2007 to September 2017, transportation and warehousing jobs grew from 47,700 to 52,600. Employment and wage data indicate that from the first quarter of 2015 to the first quarter of 2017 the number of warehousing and storage establishments grew by 8.1 percent, while retail trade establishments grew by 0.2 percent.

[Oklahoma's Cana Woodford now second most active oil field](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - October 28, 2017

Oklahoma's Cana Woodford became the country's second most active oil field this week as drilling continues to expand throughout the state. The basin stretches throughout much of western Oklahoma and includes the state's booming STACK and SCOOP plays. The Cana Woodford added four rigs this week, boosting its count to 66, according to Baker Hughes.

[An Oklahoma-grown opportunity: State is an attractive place to start, grow a business](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - October 27, 2017

Oklahoma continues to be a good place to start and grow an entrepreneurial business, a recent analysis by the Kauffman Foundation shows. The foundation issued its annual Kauffman Index of Growth Entrepreneurship this month, and based on the data, the Sooner State ranked among the top 10 for entrepreneurial growth among the nation's 25 smallest states.

[GRDA dedicates \\$500 million power generation plant](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - October 27, 2017

A new \$500 million Grand River Dam Authority power generation plant was touted on Friday as the most energy efficient electric generator in the world. The GREC 3 combined cycle unit, GRDA's newest addition to the Grand River Energy Center, is designed to provide low-cost, clean, reliable electricity for decades using natural gas turbine, steam turbine and heat-recovery steam generators.

[Tulsa Habitat for Humanity gets \\$6.7 million grant from Zarrow Foundation](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - October 26, 2017

Tulsa Habitat for Humanity announced a broad new initiative Thursday that will expand its reach to more people having difficulty finding affordable housing. With a \$6.7 million grant from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, Tulsa Habitat has created an affiliated nonprofit — Boomtown Development Co. — to create a variety of housing solutions for people who make too much money to qualify for Habitat housing but not enough to qualify for traditional mortgages.

[Production starts on feature film](#)

The Journal Record - October 25, 2017

Thriller Films has started production on the feature film **Last Exorcist** in Tulsa and the surrounding area. The film is using the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program administered by the Oklahoma Film + Music Office, part of the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation.

[New \\$17.5 million barn at Expo Square will compete for best equine and agriculture shows in nation](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - October 23, 2017

City of Tulsa and Tulsa County officials came together at Expo Square on Monday to celebrate the construction of a new barn. The new barn, which is expected to be completed in late 2018, marks the fairgrounds' latest push to compete for the best equine and agriculture shows in the nation. The new barn will be approximately 138,000 square feet with a footprint larger than two football fields, according to Expo Square. It will include 384 new stalls, a 4,800-square-foot multipurpose space, a 100-foot-by-200-foot covered arena and a balcony overlooking the horse racing track.

[Union to Launch Early College High School](#)

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Union Public Schools and Tulsa Community College will launch a pilot program in 2018 that will allow students to earn an associate degree by the time of their high school graduation. The initiative, called Early College High School, is an expansion of concurrent enrollment opportunities already available at the Union Collegiate Academy. The students se-

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lected to participate in the program will complete a rigorous college prep curriculum in ninth grade before entering Early College High School in 10th grade. The students will move through the program as a group with a specified course sequence and schedule.

Jenks Ranks High with 10 National Merit Semifinalists

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Ten Jenks High School seniors have been named 2018 National Merit Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Jenks is one of three high schools in Oklahoma to have 10 or more semifinalists. The Jenks students are among 16,000 semifinalists from across the U.S., and they represent less than one percent of all high school seniors.

Neighborhood revitalization grant offered in Tulsa

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The city of Tulsa is offering neighborhood revitalization grants through a new program, Love Your Block. The organization Cities of Service is providing money for Tulsa's Love Your Block program as part of a larger partnership with the city. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to support revitalization projects that reduce blight in neighborhoods. Neighborhood groups must be registered with the city to be eligible.

Broken Arrow makes USA Today's best cities list at No. 29

Tulsa World (OK) - October 13, 2017

Broken Arrow is the United States' 29th best city for residents, according to a story in Friday's USA Today. Low crime, affordability and a healthy economy all helped the city of about 110,000 make the list, which also included Edmond at No. 35. Broken Arrow's population has increased by 18.6 percent in the past 10 years, more than double the comparable U.S. population growth over that time, according to the story.

Tribes receive DOJ grants

The Journal Record – October 11, 2017

The U.S. Department of Justice has awarded \$18 million in grants to Oklahoma tribal governments to enhance public health and safety. The grants are part of more than \$100 million in grants to 125 American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, tribal consortia, and tribal designees. Many of these awards were made through DOJ's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. CTAS grants are designed to enhance law enforcement practices, expand victim services, and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts.

Downtown Tulsa Revitalization Continues

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The Tulsa Performing Arts Center (PAC) Trust approved the sale and development contract of the PAC surface parking lot located directly east of the PAC at Second Street and Cincinnati Avenue, paving the way for mixed-use development, including a proposed market, retail shops and apartments. Flaherty & Collins, an experienced developer from Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded the development contract from the PAC Trust for \$5.5 million. Construction is scheduled to start in summer 2018.

Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions

Ginnie Graham: Magic City Books bringing the love of reading to Tulsa Arts District

Tulsa World (OK) - October 31, 2017

Magic City Books, the anchor tenant of the Archer Building at Archer Street and Detroit Avenue in the Tulsa Arts District, is set for a soft opening in just a couple of weeks. The store is owned by the nonprofit Tulsa Literary Coalition and will be the home of BookSmart Tulsa, a program of the coalition that has been hosting author events for nearly a decade.

Tulsa-based company ships chromatograph installation to Pennsylvania

Tulsa World (OK) - October 31, 2017

Cherokee Integrations and Solutions began shipping a 10-foot by 32-foot building housing nine chromatographs and accompanying analytical equipment Tuesday to western Pennsylvania. The 30,000-pound installation is the largest the Tulsa-based company has shipped in its nearly 15 years and will be used at a cryogenic gas processing plant that is processing more than 440 million cubic feet of natural gas per day.

Weber to receive manufacturing award

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Dana Weber, CEO of Sand Springs-based Webco Industries, will be presented the Larry Mocha Advocacy Award by Dream It Do It Oklahoma. Dream It Do It Oklahoma is presenting a series of awards during Manufacturing Month. Webco is a manufacturer of metal tubular products.

HireRight celebrates local expansion with open house

Tulsa World (OK) - October 25, 2017

HireRight, a provider of global employment background checks and drug and health screenings, held an open house Wednesday to celebrate the recent expansion of its Tulsa office at Eastgate Metroplex. The renovation, which has increased the space by 20,000 square feet, will allow the company to accommodate 120 additional employees, making it the firm's largest facility in North America.

DISH Network to add 250 jobs in Tulsa

Tulsa World (OK) - October 24, 2017

DISH Network will bring 250 new jobs to Tulsa as the pay-TV provider expands operations in the city, Gov. Mary Fallin announced Tuesday. DISH already employs at least 600 people at its customer care center in south Tulsa. DISH is expanding

its existing facility at 1950 E. 71st St. to accommodate for the positions, for which recruiting is underway.

Improvements flow into recently purchased Waterside Apartments

Tulsa World (OK) - October 24, 2017

Dallas-based Knightvest Management owns more than 50 properties, the bulk of which are in Texas. But in March, it ventured north of the Red River to make its first Oklahoma acquisition, Waterside Apartments, which was formerly Westport on the River. Exterior improvements will include painting, landscaping, new cedar privacy rails and the rehabbing of three swimming pools. Indoor touches include new granite counter tops, flooring and custom back splashes. Between 80-90 of the 682 units have been redone, said Board, adding that the rest will be completed as they become available.

ONEOK to extend pipeline into the Delaware Basin

Tulsa World (OK) - October 23, 2017

ONEOK Inc. announced Monday that the West Texas LPG Pipeline LP, a joint venture between ONEOK and Martin Mid-stream Partners LP, plans to invest approximately \$200 million to expand its natural gas liquids system into the Delaware Basin, part of the larger Permian Basin. The project, which is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2018, is supported by long-term dedicated NGL production from two planned third-party natural gas processing plants.

An Affair of the Heart recognized in industry magazine as No. 1 arts and crafts show

Tulsa World (OK) - October 23, 2017

Readers of an arts and crafts magazine recently voted An Affair of the Heart the No. 1 contemporary craft show in the country. The three-day show visits Tulsa twice a year, including an upcoming show Nov. 17-19 at the River Spirit Expo at Expo Square. For 2016, readers of Sunshine Artist magazine voted that the four Oklahoma shows ranked No. 1, No. 2, No. 9 and No. 12, according to a news release from An Affair of the Heart.

Owasso-based developer opens new apartment complex near Tulsa Hills

Tulsa World (OK) - October 19, 2017

71 Apartments, a new luxury apartment complex developed by S&K Properties of Owasso, has opened near Tulsa Hills. Tenants are expected to move in this month to the property at 7224 S. Elwood Ave., which has 341 one-, two- and three-bedroom units, ranging from 778 to 1,712 square feet. Prices start at \$840 per month.

Muskogee steel fabrication company to expand, add 30 jobs

Tulsa World (OK) - October 17, 2017

MUSKOGEE — A steel fabrication and finishing company on Tuesday announced a \$3.5 million expansion that is expected to create 30 jobs over the next three years. Advantage TerraFab LLC has bought a 55,000-square-foot building at 400 S. 45th St. East in the Muskogee Industrial Park. Founded in 2011, the company currently employs about 45 people and leases three Port of Muskogee buildings totaling roughly 50,000 square feet.

QuikTrip's new kitchen and distribution center going up in northeast Tulsa

Tulsa World (OK) - October 17, 2017

Construction is underway on QuikTrip's new manufacturing and distribution center. The \$39.5 million, 250,000-square-foot facility is expected to be completed by late summer or early fall next year. The facility, near 43rd Street North and Garnett Road, will house the convenience store chain's kitchen and distribution operations immediately and will eventually house QuikTrip Signs and Fulfillment company.

Manufacturer Alfa Laval to invest \$15 million into new Broken Arrow facility

Tulsa World (OK) - October 12, 2017

Company officials at Alfa Laval announced that they plan to create about 100 jobs by building and investing at least \$15 million in new facilities, said Michael Tyden, executive vice president and head of operations. Alfa Laval, 1201 S. Ninth St., will construct a 68,000-square-foot "competence center" to manufacture its spiral and air-cooled heat exchanger ranges just east of its current facility. Subsequent phases could increase the investment by \$10 million to \$20 million and add 150 jobs.

Tulsa-based Manhattan Construction building \$1.1 billion baseball stadium for Texas Rangers

Tulsa World (OK) - October 10, 2017

Manhattan is constructing Globe Life Field, the second baseball stadium since 1994 it has built in Arlington, Texas, for the Texas Rangers, which has hired Manhattan for about a half-dozen projects since that time, said John Reyhan, president of Manhattan Construction Co. The 42,000-seat ballpark, set to be completed in 2020, will run about \$1.1 billion, with \$800 million earmarked for construction.

Tulsa-based NORDAM's new contract with Airbus could soar past \$1 billion

Tulsa World (OK) - October 5, 2017

Tulsa-based aerospace manufacturer NORDAM has reached an agreement with Airbus that could eclipse \$1 billion over its duration, potentially making it the largest contract in the company's 48-year history, NORDAM CEO Meredith Siegfried Madden announced Thursday. The length of the contract will extend the life of the program, which is undetermined, a company representative said. NORDAM estimates the pact will create 30 to 40 jobs in the Tulsa area, mainly in engineering, supply chain and logistics, the spokesperson said.

Orangetheory Fitness opens in Tulsa on Friday

Tulsa World (OK) - October 5, 2017

Orangetheory Fitness brings the fast-growing franchise to Cherry Street. The studio, 1551 E. 15th St., officially opens Friday, Oct. 6, with classes starting at 5:30 a.m. Orangetheory Fitness launched its first studio in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in March 2010, and has become one of the world's top fitness franchises, with more than 730 studios in 45 states and 13 countries.

Corterra Energy announces \$68 million acquisition in Arkoma Basin

Tulsa World (OK) - October 4, 2017

Corterra Energy has closed on the acquisition of 26,000 net acres and interest in more than 400 producing wells in the Arkoma Basin, it announced Wednesday. The Tulsa exploration and energy production company bought the assets for \$68 million from Oklahoma City-based Continental Resources Inc. With this purchase, Corterra has nearly 70,000 acres in Atoka, Coal, Hughes and Pittsburg counties.

Layoffs, Closings, Downsizes, Restructures

Table Talk: Paddy's, Mimi's Cafe among recent restaurant closings

Tulsa World (OK) - October 26, 2017

Paddy's Irish Restaurant, 9999 S. Mingo Road, is among recent restaurant closings. Dublin natives and twins Kenny and Keith Wagoner revived their former longtime pub a little more than a year ago. They recently announced the closing on Facebook. "Paddy's Irish Pub has officially closed its doors...thanks to those who gave your support until the next chapter unfolds," the post read. Mimi's Café, a fixture at 8215 E. 71st St. since 2003, closed this week. The nearest Mimi's Café is located in Rogers, Arkansas.

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Comparative Unemployment Rates

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2017 September	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.1
2016 September	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted.