

## Spotlight on the Market

### [Broken Arrow Chamber touts available jobs in local industries](#)

Tulsa World - March 19, 2018

The Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce on Monday announced that many of its members are ready to hire. Businesses in the community have more than 300 job openings that are available currently or in the immediate future. The jobs represent several different industries and include some of the area's largest manufacturing companies. The job openings include mechanical, electrical and software engineers, manufacturing managers, machinists, welders, and drafting and design specialists.

### [North Tulsa would be site of new early childhood education center as district votes to build fourth Educare](#)

Tulsa World - March 12, 2018

The George Kaiser Family Foundation and Tulsa Public Schools are planning to partner to build Educare 4 near the intersection of Pine Street and Harvard Avenue in north Tulsa. The TPS school board is scheduled to vote Thursday on approving \$6 million in bond funds for construction of the project, which GKFF will match. If approved, construction is scheduled to begin this spring with the early childhood education center being complete in July 2019, documents show.

### [New jobs boosting Claremore's economic development profile](#)

Tulsa World - March 12, 2018

Claremore - A division of the Marsh Bellofram Corp. based in Newell, West Virginia, BelGAS FM will operate out of a roughly 30,000-square-foot venue at 900 N. Owalla Ave., offering a range of flame arrestors, tank-venting accessories, burners and specialty fabrication services for the oil and gas industry. Workers — almost 50 are expected to be hired — are scheduled to make at least \$50,000 per year. BelGAS FM's arrival in Claremore was among two big announcements for the Rogers County seat in January. Baker Hughes, the city's largest employer at more than 1,000 people, also plans to bring more positions to Claremore in conjunction with the closing of a production facility in Oklahoma City.

### [Kendall Whittier Main Street reaches \\$130 million in private reinvestment](#)

Tulsa World - March 6, 2018

Kendall Whittier Main Street is booming. Recent figures released by the Oklahoma Main Street Center show that \$130 million in private reinvestment has been poured into Kendall Whittier Main Street since 2010, the year it was accepted into the state program. A subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Oklahoma Main Street Center is among 42 state coordinating programs around the nation.

### [Neighborhood being viewed as a pilot for redevelopment](#)

Tulsa World - March 4, 2018

Extensive efforts to revitalize one of Tulsa's oldest and poorest neighborhoods will see a significant boost in 2018 as city officials seek to focus their attention on the residential community. Although organizations like Habitat for Humanity have been working to improve the Crutchfield neighborhood for years, city officials are finalizing plans to utilize a considerable chunk of grant money they hope will propel those efforts. But this year, Wagner said officials made the strategic decision to focus on Crutchfield, which essentially is just north of Interstate 244 between U.S. 75 and Utica Avenue going up to Pine Street. The area is about a square mile.

### [Tulsa metro's casinos expanding to much more than gaming](#)

Tulsa World - March 4, 2018

Adding a parking garage and event center that weren't in the original plans, the Osage Nation will open a huge \$150 million casino and hotel this summer to create a "go-to destination" to rival the other two major gaming centers in the Tulsa area. Scheduled to open in late August near 36th Street North and the Tisdale Parkway, just a few minutes north of downtown Tulsa, the new Osage Casino resort will include an in-house craft brewery to distinguish itself from the competition. The event center will open late this year or early in 2019, officials said.

### [New grocery store to be built at Shoppes at Peoria](#)

Tulsa World - March 2, 2018

Rose Washington, executive director of Tulsa Economic Development Corp, confirmed Thursday that TEDC has been awarded a \$1.5 million federal grant through the city of Tulsa to build a grocery store at the Shoppes on Peoria, 1717 N. Peoria Ave.

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# Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions

## [Alltran expanding Tulsa office with 150 new call center jobs](#)

Tulsa World - March 28, 2018

Alltran announced Wednesday that it is bringing 150 new "high-paying" call center jobs to Tulsa. Alltran specializes in revenue cycle, accounts receivable and contact center solutions within health care, financial services, higher education and government. The company said it is now hiring for the jobs, which offer a starting wage of \$13.47 an hour plus \$4.27 per hour to cover benefit costs.

## [CREOKS to move into former Mervyn's space at Tulsa Promenade mall](#)

Tulsa World - March 27, 2018

CREOKS Behavioral Health Services is moving its Tulsa clinic to the Tulsa Promenade mall. The nonprofit agency is renovating 40,000 square feet of the old Mervyn's location in the mall at 4107 S. Yale Ave. CREOKS is remodeling the space at an estimated cost of \$1.7 million, according to city of Tulsa permits. The location will include a behavioral health clinic, a family medical practice and a pharmacy, as well as the agency's corporate offices, which are now at 4636 S. Harvard Ave.

## [Table Talk: Dos Bandidos sets grand opening Saturday in Tulsa Arts District](#)

Tulsa World - March 24, 2018

Dos Bandidos, a year-old restaurant in Bixby, has scheduled a grand opening Saturday, March 24, of a second location in the old Rusty Crane space at 109 N. Detroit Ave. Rusty Crane had operated five years in the Tulsa Arts District before closing last November.

## [New indoor cycling studio to open in south Tulsa](#)

Tulsa World - March 24, 2018

A new indoor cycling boutique studio is set to open in south Tulsa next month. CycleBar will open April 12 at 9110 S. Yale Ave., Suite B, and will feature a 50-cycle studio with classes that are centered around rhythm riding with weights and choreography. CycleBar is an indoor cycling franchise with more than 100 locations across the country, including one in Oklahoma City. This is the first in the Tulsa area.

## [Kitchen 27 opens in Philbrook Museum of Art](#)

Tulsa World - March 23, 2018

Kitchen 27, under the direction of Brooke and James Shrader, has opened in Philbrook Museum of Art, 2727 S. Rockford Road. The new restaurant, which replaces la Villa, will serve lunch Wednesday-Friday, dinner Friday and brunch Saturday-Sunday.

## [Tulsa-based Ross Group awarded \\$150 million Navy contract](#)

Tulsa World - March 23, 2018

Ross Group has been selected by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest as one of three companies to provide engineering, procurement and construction services on military installations throughout the Southwest. The contract has an estimated value of \$150 million over the performance period, which includes a one-year period and four one-year options.

## [Dead Armadillo Brewing named best brewery by Southern Living, opens Boneyard beer garden](#)

Tulsa World - March 22, 2018

Dead Armadillo Brewing has been named best brewery in Oklahoma by Southern Living Magazine. This is the magazine's second annual South's Best awards, a digitally crowdsourced survey.

## [New STG Gelateria coming to Cherry Street by end of March, Andolini's announces](#)

Tulsa World - March 20, 2018

Andolini's announced plans Tuesday morning to open a new STG Gelateria in Cherry Street. The restaurant will be located at 1601 E. 15th St., which previously housed My Fit Foods, according to a news release. The Cherry Street location of Andolini's Pizzeria is just across the street at 1552 E. 15th St.

## [Urban Air Adventure Park headed to former Reasor's location in Tulsa](#)

Tulsa World - March 20, 2018

A new trampoline park is bounding into Tulsa. Urban Air Adventure Park is scheduled to open in the former Reasor's location near 51st Street and Harvard Avenue. No opening date has been set, said a company spokeswoman. Urban Air Tulsa, which will be at 3314 E. 51st St., will feature more than 36,000 square feet of attractions, including wall-to-wall trampoline areas, dodgeball courts, obstacle courses, climbing walls and a ropes course.

## [Grand opening of new Burlington store in midtown Tulsa set for Saturday](#)

Tulsa World - March 17, 2018

Burlington is celebrating the grand opening of its new midtown Tulsa location from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 1887 S. Yale Ave. The 43,500-square-foot property underwent a \$650,000 renovation project before the opening of the new store this week, according to city of Tulsa building permits.

## [Italian manufacturer breaks ground on paper plant that will create 300 jobs in Inola](#)

Tulsa World - March 17, 2018

INOLA — Sofidel, an Italian manufacturer of tissue paper, broke ground Friday on a \$360 million investment that will include construction of a facility that will support 300 jobs. Expected to be operational by 2020, the Inola facility will be able to produce 120,000 tons of tissue paper each year. The 1.8-million-square-foot plant is almost 40 percent larger than the Macy's Fulfillment Center in north Tulsa County.

### **Admiral Twin to double as flea market site beginning April 14**

Tulsa World - March 15, 2018

A Tulsa landmark, the Admiral Twin Drive-In will continue to show movies, but the property will get daytime usage with the debut of a flea market April 14. The 918 Flea Market, which previously operated at the Rose Bowl Event Center, is relocating to the Admiral Twin for a Blake-Blake partnership. 918 Flea Market owner Blake Lund reached an agreement with Admiral Twin owner Blake Smith to stage Saturday "flea fests" at the Admiral Twin.

### **OU Physicians opening new clinic in south Tulsa**

Tulsa World - March 14, 2018

OU Physicians is taking the first steps of a two-year growth plan with the opening of a new south Tulsa clinic. The University of Oklahoma-affiliated health care provider will open a clinic at 106th Street and Memorial Drive in the old WellQuest building on Wednesday.

### **Jackson Technical puts fun in new downtown workplace**

Tulsa World - March 10, 2018

The IT services firm's new \$5 million headquarters at 611 S. Elgin Ave. is a reflection of its owner, Tim Jackson, who believes business and pleasure aren't mutually exclusive. Designed by The McIntosh Group, the three-story facility has an eye-catching exterior of steel, wood, brick and glass. Jackson Technical's 18 employees relocated in December. At roughly 20,000 square feet, the company's new home has nearly quadruple the space of its former venue in the Philltower Building, where the firm had been since 2008.

### **United Contracting Services celebrates grand opening of new facility**

Tulsa World - March 9, 2018

The atmosphere inside United Contracting Services' new facility Thursday morning felt less like a ribbon-cutting and more like a house-warming. The manufacturing company has occupied several spaces in the last 10 years. The new 50,000-square-foot site in west Tulsa is the first one that owner Hector Estrada has been able to call his own. United Contracting Services specializes in mechanical, fabrication and installation of structure steel and piping for petrochemical, refinery and mining manufacturing industries.

### **Smitty's Garage to add second Tulsa location**

Tulsa World - March 7, 2018

Smitty's Garage, which offers a wide selection of burgers, tacos, beer and appetizers, will open its second Tulsa location April 2. The new store will be at 9718 Riverside Parkway in space that formerly held a Johnny Carino's. The first Tulsa store opened last May at 7104 S. Sheridan Road.

### **Robertson Tire acquires Gateway Tire stores**

Tulsa World - March 4, 2018

Robertson Tire Co. has acquired the Gateway Tire locations in the Tulsa area, company officials announced this week. Gateway Tire, formerly Hesselbein Tire, operates multiple locations across the country and will open Monday under the new name.

### **Oklahoma Methodist Manor will soon begin a \$24 million expansion**

Tulsa World - March 4, 2018

The project includes new Assisted Living apartments and 2 Memory Care Assisted Living Houses. The new construction will replace some of the oldest buildings on the Methodist Manor campus and add much needed capacity to the continuum of care. The new three story Assisted Living building will include a new kitchen, a beautiful new dining area and 40 Assisted Living apartments. Plans are also underway to build an adjacent new Community Center.

### **AAON acquires assets of Missouri company**

Tulsa World - March 1, 2018

Tulsa-based AAON Inc. closed Wednesday on the purchase of most of the assets of WattMaster Controls Inc., a Missouri company that designs and manufactures temperature control products. A manufacturer of industrial and commercial HVAC equipment, AAON bought intellectual property, receivables, inventory and fixed assets, according to a news release from the company.

### **Owner of Biga to open jazz club, restaurant in Tulsa Arts District**

Tulsa World - March 1, 2018

The next food places in the Archer Building are expected to open within the next two months. Glacier Confection is nearing completion of its second Tulsa Arts District location. The new store will have chocolate production facilities, a classroom area and a full bar in an open concept that will be visible to everyone in the building.

## **Closures, Layoffs, Bankruptcies**

### **Abbey's Hallmark in BOK Tower set to close**

Tulsa World - March 31, 2018

A longtime staple of downtown Tulsa retail will soon be closing its doors. The last of the remaining retailers from the Williams Center Forum, Abbey's Hallmark is set to close sometime in the second quarter, according to a sign posted next to the door.

### **DISH Network undergoes layoffs in Tulsa**

Tulsa World - March 30, 2018

Five months after announcing it was adding 250 jobs to Tulsa, the pay-TV provider is eliminating some. In late October, Gov. Mary Fallin announced that DISH was bringing 250 new jobs to its south Tulsa customer care center at

1950 E. 71st St., which was then employing at least 600. Modlin declined to elaborate on the number of workers affected but added that the reductions were linked to the customer experience center and not to the sales center that opened last year.

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## Comparative Unemployment Rates

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2018 February	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.4
2017 February	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.9

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