

June 2018

## Spotlight on the Market

### Local artists get nod to create mural outside Mother Road Market

Tulsa World – June 30, 2018

Yatika Starr Fields, a Tulsa Artist Fellow, painter and muralist, and local artist Janet Fadler Davie have been selected to paint a mural outside Mother Road Market, the new food hall going up at 1124 S. Lewis Ave. The two will begin their work early next month in hopes of completing the 20-by-20-foot, Lewis Avenue-facing mural by the end of July. Mother Road Market, a 27,000-square-foot collection of about 20 entrepreneurial concepts, is expected to open in August.

### Gathering Place reveals first collaborations with artists

Tulsa World – June 29, 2018

Gathering Place has announced plans for collaborations with renowned national and international artists Mark Dion and Jen Lewin. Officials at the \$465 million riverfront park, scheduled to open Sept. 8, will rotate these art installations as part of its programming initiatives.

### Metro areas' data show economy continues to expand

Tulsa World – June 28, 2018

Oklahoma's economy continues to grow, data released on Wednesday by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission show. In year-over-year comparisons for May, unemployment percentages were down in each of the Sooner State's four major metropolitan areas, with all but one showing they had added jobs during that time. In Tulsa, unemployment fell from 4.6 in May 2017 to 3.9 percent in May 2018, while the estimated number of jobs grew by 12,700 to 460,300.

### Bob Dylan Center taking shape in Tulsa with location, opening date, design firm finalized

Tulsa World – June 27, 2018

Olson Kundig, a Seattle architectural firm whose projects include the recent upgrade of Seattle's iconic Space Needle, has been selected by the George Kaiser Family Foundation as lead architect and exhibit designer for The Bob Dylan Center, the future home of the Bob Dylan Archives.

### Bristow breaks ground on new runway and airport improvements

Tulsa World – June 22, 2018

Bristow will soon have a bigger and better runway at its airport thanks to a sizable government grant, paving the way for the city's growing aviation industry. Community leaders celebrated the \$3.8 million runway expansion and the construction of other airport facilities during a groundbreaking Friday. The project at the Jones Memorial Airport, 24503 S. 385th West Ave., is expected to be completed in May 2019.

### City finalizes deal with USA BMX to bring headquarters, indoor arena to site northeast of downtown

Tulsa World – June 17, 2018

USA BMX has signed a 30-year agreement with the city of Tulsa to build its new headquarters, museum and hall of fame, and indoor arena at the Evans-Fintube site northeast of downtown. The agreement includes the option for two 10-year extensions. USA BMX will lease the facility from the city. Construction is expected to begin in the fall and be completed by the end of 2019, city officials said Friday.

### Arts Scene: ATC names new director, Theatre Tulsa brings the Bard

Tulsa World – June 17, 2018

American Theatre Company, which last month announced it was merging with Theatre Pops, has announced that Meghan Hurley will be the new organization's executive director. Hurley had been the artistic director for Theatre Pops since 2014, taking over that position after the death of that company's longtime director, Randy Whalen.

### Broken Arrow named 'most livable' small city in the U.S. as Rose District sees renaissance

Tulsa World - June 11, 2018

Broken Arrow was named the "most livable" small city in the country during the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 86th annual meeting Saturday in Boston. The 2018 City Livability Awards Program recognizes mayoral leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve quality of life. Tampa, Florida (large city), and Broken Arrow were selected as first-place winners by former mayors from more than 150 applicants.

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### **Tulsa's vehicle fleet named best in North America**

Tulsa World – June 10, 2018

The city of Tulsa took home the top award for fleet management at a national conference last week, affirming the strides accomplished by Mark Hogan's department in recent years. The Equipment Management Division was named the No. 1 fleet in North America at the Government Fleet Expo and Conference in San Diego, California, on June 5. Tulsa is the only city to have finished in the top 5 during four of the past five years.

### **City's new bike-share program to be called 'This Machine,' will begin operating July 27**

Tulsa World – June 9, 2018

Tulsa's new bike-share program is set to launch July 27, Tulsa Bike Share Executive Director Daniel Sperle said Friday. The program will be called This Machine. Bikes will be available to view and test ride Saturday at the southeast corner of Guthrie Green, across the street from the Henry Zarrow Center for Art & Education, Sperle said. The bike-share program will have 25 stations across downtown, with 160 bikes available for rent.

### **Amazon makes it official: Tulsa to get an order fulfillment center**

Tulsa World – June 8, 2018

Amazon plans to build a fulfillment center in Tulsa that will employ approximately 1,500 full-time workers, the company announced Friday afternoon. The 640,000-square-foot facility will be built on an 82-acre property near 43rd Street North and 129th East Avenue, as the Tulsa World reported in April was a possibility. The facility, which will feature four floors and a footprint in excess of 600,000 square feet, represents an estimated \$130 million capital investment with an annual payroll of \$50 million.

## **Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions**

### **Ambassador Hotel Tulsa named a Top 25 hotel in the United States**

Tulsa World – June 27, 2018

Ambassador Hotel Tulsa, 1324 S. Main St., has been named a Top 25 hotel in the United States by the TripAdvisor's 2018 Travelers' Choice rankings. The 10-story, Mediterranean-style hotel dates to 1929, when Gen. Patrick Hurley built Oklahoma's first extended-stay hotel, designed to provide upscale housing for oil barons while their mansions were being built.

### **Agency visibility: Outpatient mental health counselors put emphasis on community**

Tulsa World – June 26, 2018

To Shelia Thompson, what she and fellow counselors do when the office is closed is just as important as their actions when it is open. The president of North Tulsa Counseling Services estimates staffers attend 90 percent of community events. Thompson founded the counseling service in 2010. She is purchasing and renovating a roughly 8,000-square-foot building at 240 E. Apache St.

### **Cheers to Tulsa beer: Find out about five new brewery openings and a taproom**

Tulsa World – June 22, 2018

Two breweries opened in the past week, three more are about to open and Tulsa's oldest brewery, Marshall Brewing Co., is opening a big, new taproom. Ten years ago, there were only two breweries in Oklahoma. Now the state has nearly 37, and 12 breweries are operating in Tulsa.

### **James Beard Award-winning chef to open seafood restaurant in Tulsa**

Tulsa World – June 20, 2018

James Beard Award-winning chef Kevin Nashan plans to open a Peacemaker location this fall in the former Tallgrass Prairie Table space at 313 E. Second St. in the Blue Dome District. Peacemaker is a moderately priced, seafood-centric restaurant, inspired by Nashan's time spent cooking and living in New Orleans and his travels along Maine's rocky coast.

### **BOK Financial to purchase Denver-based CoBiz Financial for \$1 billion**

Tulsa World – June 19, 2018

BOK Financial announced on Monday that it has agreed to purchase CoBiz Financial in a transaction valued at approximately \$1 billion. Nearly 75 percent of the consideration will be in stock, with the rest in cash. BOK has been growing its presence in the Denver and Phoenix markets for years and merging with CoBiz will help strengthen that footprint.

### **Chick-fil-A coming to downtown Tulsa with 'newer' concept**

Tulsa World – June 17, 2018

Downtown Tulsa's lunch crowd is gaining a new option: Chick-fil-A. Beginning Monday, June 18, Chick-fil-A food items will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays at 511 S. Boston Ave. in the Philcade Building. Food will be prepared at the Chick-fil-A at 11201 E. 71st St. and transported to the downtown location during operating hours.

### **National magazine honors BA consulting firm**

Tulsa World – June 17, 2018

National magazine honors BA consulting firm. Armada Solutions of Broken Arrow has been recognized by CIO Review Magazine as one of the 20 most promising Enterprise Information Management providers. Armada builds advanced profitability analytics software that helps business managers make informed decisions.

### **Society, a new burger restaurant, to open Monday on Cherry Street**

Tulsa World – June 14, 2018

Cherry Street will have a new tenant when Society, a new hamburger restaurant, opens Monday. Society, a restaurant under the Rib Crib umbrella, is at 1419 E. 15th St. next to Hideaway Pizza in space that formerly held a Quiznos.

### **New outdoor apparel store to open in Utica Square**

Tulsa World – June 14, 2018

A new store specializing in outdoor and active apparel is opening Friday in Utica Square. Gearhead Outfitters will open in the space formerly occupied by Ann Taylor. Gearhead is a family-owned company based in Jonesboro, Arkansas. It has nine retail locations in Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri. The store sells outdoor clothing, footwear and gear from brands such as Patagonia, The North Face, Chaco and Yeti.

### **Valley National Bank moving executive offices downtown**

Tulsa World – June 13, 2018

Valley National Bank and In the Raw are among the tenants set for a new multi-story building going up just west of ONEOK Field. Groundbreaking at 110 N. Elgin Ave. is set for Friday, and the building is expected to open next year. Valley National Bank's new downtown branch and executive offices will occupy nearly 22,500 square feet of the 100,000-square-foot, six-story building.

### **Kitchen 66 General Store to feature Tulsa Farmers Market at Mother Road Market**

Tulsa World – June 13, 2018

Kitchen 66, which has tasted plenty of success since its inception in 2016, has another innovation on the front burner. A program of the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation, the incubator kitchen will team with Tulsa Farmers Market to offer a farm stand inside Mother Road Market, it was announced Tuesday. The special section will be part of Kitchen 66's General Store inside the 27,000-square-foot food hall scheduled to open in August at 1124 S. Lewis Ave.

### **Brownies Hamburgers to open Sand Springs location**

Tulsa World – June 12, 2018

Popular Tulsa burger restaurant, Brownies Hamburgers, is opening in Sand Springs. Brownies owner Dusty Oakley said the franchise, known for its burgers, pies and homemade root beer, was started in 1957 by Bill Bowen. The original store is at 2130 S. Harvard Ave. There's a second location at 6577 E. 71st St. He said they plan to open in the spot formerly occupied by Coble's Flowers in the Shops at Adams Road, 422 Plaza Court. The location became available when Coble's Flowers recently moved to 206 N. Main St., formerly Sand Springs Flowers.

### **LawnAmerica earns national accreditation**

Tulsa World – June 10, 2018

Tulsa-based LawnAmerica was designated a Landscape Industry Accredited Company by the National Association of Landscape Professionals, the first company to earn the distinction in Oklahoma and only the seventh accreditation awarded in the nation. LawnAmerica, 5129 S. 110th East Ave., earned the accreditation for its customer satisfaction and business, financial and ethical standards.

### **Climbing gym to open Friday in midtown Tulsa**

Tulsa World – June 9, 2018

A new climbing gym set to open next week in midtown Tulsa can be traced back to one man's determination to conquer a difficult mountain ascent. Climb Tulsa, 4923 E. 32nd St., is set to open Friday.

### **Table Talk: Magnolias Cafe to open Monday in the Sun Building**

Tulsa World – June 7, 2018

Magnolias Café, featuring Creole-Cajun cuisine, will open Monday, June 11, at 907 S. Detroit Ave. in the Sun Building. Magnolias Café, owned by chef Avril Adams-Williams, takes over space formerly occupied by Kitchen 66. Kitchen 66, an entrepreneurial program for aspiring food businesses, has moved to the new Mother Road Market, 1124 S. Lewis Ave., scheduled to open in August.

### **Korean concept Umami Fries, Oklahoma Joe's set for Mother Road Market**

Tulsa World – June 5, 2018

A barbecue joint and Korean restaurant are the latest announced tenants at Mother Road Market, a Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation food hall under construction near East 11th Street and South Lewis Avenue. They are Oklahoma Joe's and Umami Fries, a spinoff of Tulsa-based Gogi Gui Korean Grill.

### **Table Talk: Shuffles Board Game Cafe opens in Tulsa Arts District**

Tulsa World – June 5, 2018

Shuffles Board Game Café opened Tuesday, June 5, at 207 E. Archer St. in the Tulsa Arts District. The café features an open-box library of more than 700 games, ranging from classics such as Monopoly to more modern games such as Ticket to Ride and Splendor.

### **Magellan Midstream launches supplemental open season for possible expansion of western leg of Texas pipeline**

Tulsa World – June 4, 2018

Magellan Midstream Partners announced Monday that it is soliciting additional commitments from shippers for a potential further expansion of its refined petroleum pipeline system in Texas. The Tulsa-based midstream company recently announced plans to expand the western leg of the pipeline and increase capacity from 100,000 barrels per day to 150,000 barrels per day.

### **Nabholz buys Tulsa's American Transfer and Storage Co.**

Tulsa World – June 4, 2018

Nabholz Corp., a national commercial contractor with local offices, has acquired Tulsa-based American Transfer & Storage Co. In the purchase, Nabholz gains American Transfer & Storage's campus at 110 S. 129th East Ave. Nabholz also took possession of the company's fleet of cranes, rigging lifts, and transportation trucks and trailers. The American Transfer team of operators, riggers, mechanics and industrial craftsmen will be employed by Nabholz.

# Closures, Layoffs, Bankruptcies

## More than 100 jobs eliminated at Tulsa-based PennWell

Tulsa World – June 21, 2018

PennWell Corp. announced a major round of layoffs on Thursday, months after it was purchased by an overseas company. The company's staffing levels will change from approximately 470 people globally to approximately 340. In Tulsa, 1100 positions will be eliminated, with other offices and remote workers making up the balance of the affected positions.

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## Comparative Unemployment Rates

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2018 May	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.6
2017 May	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.1

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