

June 2017

Spotlight on the Market

[Study gives Tulsa Regional Chamber insight into local workforce](#)

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The aerospace employment market in northeastern Oklahoma is tight, and 13.5 percent of area workers are underemployed. Those are just two of the findings of the Tulsa Regional Chamber's 16-week workforce study. The chamber, which will release the results of the study Thursday, hopes it will further its ability to better attract businesses and retain existing ones in key, target industries.

[Honor Capital asking to expand north Tulsa TIF to include grocery store](#)

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The developer of a proposed north Tulsa Save A Lot, Honor Capital, is asking the Tulsa Development Authority to expand a tax increment financing district before it expires next week to help with infrastructure costs for the planned grocery store. The proposal would expand the boundary of the TIF from East Apache Street to 36th Street North.

[Three Springs Farm owner earns award in Significant Woman in Oklahoma Agriculture series](#)

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A Tulsa Farmers Market vendor was recognized by the state as a Significant Woman in Oklahoma Agriculture. Last Saturday, Emily Oakley, who owns Three Springs Farm with her husband, Michael Appel, was presented an official citation from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry and Oklahoma State University during the Cherry Street Farmers Market. The award was presented by Rick Miller, TFM board president, Rita Scott of the OK Farm and Food Alliance and Phillip A. Jackson of Rep. Bridenstine's office.

[Manufacturing increases in region](#)

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Manufacturing activity in the Oklahoma region increased over the past month and is expected to continue growing, according to a survey released Friday by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. The survey of companies in the Fed's Tenth District found the month-over-month composite index was 11 in June, up from 8 in May and 7 in April. The composite index is an average of the production, new orders, employment, supplier delivery time and raw materials indexes.

[OKPOP museum clears hurdle to build in Tulsa with \\$25 million in bonds approved](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 22, 2017

Efforts to build a museum of popular culture in downtown Tulsa cleared another hurdle on Thursday. The state Council of Bond Oversight approved the sale of \$25 million in bonds to build the four-story facility across from Cain's Ballroom in the Brady Arts District. The Oklahoma Museum of Pop Culture, known as the OKPOP, will be just south of Interstate 244 at the corner of Main and Easton streets. The facility is expected to open in the spring of 2020.

[Runway Tulsa Coming Sept. 27-30](#)

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Runway Tulsa announces its dates for its 2017 week of fashion. The local fashion organization will present four events beginning Wednesday, Sept. 27 and wrapping up with the Runway Finale on Saturday, Sept. 30. In addition to this year's event schedule, the group announces the formation of the Oklahoma Fashion Initiative, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, dedicated to establishing an extensive education program as well as economic development in the form of an apparel manufacturing business.

[Harvey Young Airport to get \\$10 million facelift, new name](#)

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A local vintage military aircraft enthusiast announced Thursday that his group is sinking at least \$10 million into a refurbishing of an aging east Tulsa airfield. The 76-year-old Harvey Young Airport, 1500 S. 135th East Ave., is being purchased by DMA Inc.'s Jack Randal, who plans to raze it and rename it Douglas Memorial Airfield after the old Douglas aircraft plant in Tulsa that made World War II planes.

[CAP Tulsa to open early childhood education center in former Union elementary school](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 13, 2017

The Community Action Project of Tulsa County is opening an early childhood education center this fall in a former Union Public Schools elementary school. The center, for children up to 3 years old, will be located at the former Briarglen Elementary School, 3303 S. 121st East Ave. The new facility, to be called Briarglen Early Childhood Education Center, will have 12 classrooms to accommodate 132 children, according to the agency.

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Shops at Warren Place to bring retail, restaurants to 61st and Yale

Tulsa World (OK) - June 12, 2017

What is already a busy intersection at 61st Street and Yale Avenue could become a good deal busier. There's a new shopping center under construction at the southwest corner of the intersection — The Shops at Warren Place. In a news release Monday, Hogan Property Company LLC said the shopping center plans to open in June 2018 and is more than 50 percent leased or under letter of intent. A leasing agent for the property declined to name any of the signed or intended tenants.

Cherokee Nation Technologies receives national award

Tulsa World (OK) - June 11, 2017

Cherokee Nation Technologies was recently awarded the 2017 Department of Homeland Security Small Business Achievement Award for its efforts in supporting the U.S. Coast Guard. The award, presented at the recent 13th annual Department of Homeland Security Small Business Ceremony, recognizes CNT's high production levels, staff retention and hiring practices while completing work for the Coast Guard. The company was also commended for maintaining competitive salaries and comprehensive benefit packages for staff throughout its multiple contracts with DHS.

South Tulsa development fills up as construction continues

Tulsa World (OK) - June 9, 2017

A cable company has filled the final space in a roughly \$4.5 million development that is under construction in south Tulsa. CoxCom LLC, doing business as Cox Cable, will join Chipotle Mexican Grill and Mattress Firm in the 8,691-square-foot retail area at the southwest corner of 103rd Street and Memorial Drive, in front of Oklahoma's only Costco Wholesale, said Chris Palmer, owner of Edmond-based Glidepath Development. The center is expected to be completed in early August.

Coding school lands in Tulsa's entrepreneurial base camp, 36 Degrees North

Tulsa World (OK) - June 7, 2017

A coding school with a presence in some of the country's major metropolitan areas is coming to Tulsa. Beginning in September, Coding Dojo will locate a computer programming boot camp at 36 Degrees North, 36 E. Cameron St., Coding Dojo CEO Michael Choi said. The Tulsa campus will join schools in Seattle, Los Angeles, Silicon Valley, Washington, D.C., Dallas, Chicago and soon-to-open sites in Berkeley and Orange County, California.

Tulsa Zoo opens new Lost Kingdom exhibit for Asian animals

Tulsa World (OK) - June 1, 2017

The Tulsa Zoo's long-awaited Lost Kingdom, now home to some of the most elusive species found in Asia, will soon be open to the public. The ribbon for the park's newest attraction was cut Wednesday evening, when several donors and city officials got to visit the new habitat. The massive exhibit complex, which is scheduled to open to the public Monday, is designed to provide an updated, naturalistic home to many of the zoo's current species in addition to a few new ones.

Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions

Tulsa, Houston energy companies combine Oklahoma assets to form Roan Resources

Tulsa World (OK) - June 30, 2017

Two energy companies will combine their assets in Oklahoma's hottest drilling areas to form a new company, Roan Resources LLC, with a planned public offering early next year. Houston-based Linn Energy Inc. and Tulsa's Citizen Energy II LLC said they formed Roan to accelerate development in the Merge, SCOOP and STACK plays in the Anadarko Basin. Roan will have about 140,000 net acres, with about half coming from Linn and half from Citizen.

QuikTrip expanding into San Antonio and Austin with 100 planned stores

Tulsa World (OK) - June 28, 2017

Tulsa-based QuikTrip has major Texas expansion plans, saying Wednesday that it plans to nearly double its store count there over the next several years. The company said in a news release that it plans to expand into the San Antonio and Austin markets with 100 stores between the two metro areas. The first stores in each city should be open by summer 2018, the company said. It currently has 134 stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Jackson Technical Building New Headquarters

GTR Newspapers - June 27, 2017

Jackson Technical will occupy its new three-story headquarters, 611 S. Elgin Ave. in downtown Tulsa, at the end of this year. With 18 employees and dozens of technical services offered, this new move from its current location at 427 S. Boston Ave. in the Philtower is in part because of the company's success.

Manufacturing company to expand Broken Arrow footprint

Tulsa World (OK) - June 20, 2017

A Sweden-based company announced Tuesday that it will expand its operations in Broken Arrow by building a "competence center" to manufacture its spiral and air-cooled heat exchanger ranges. Alfa Laval has chosen a parcel of land to construct a facility for operations for the Alfa Laval Spiral Heat Exchanger range. The project will begin this year and is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

ONEOK to expand Mid-Continent infrastructure

Tulsa World (OK) - June 19, 2017

The continued relevance of the STACK play in western Oklahoma is giving Tulsa-based ONEOK a reason to expand its existing pipeline and natural gas gathering facilities to serve the area. The company announced in a news release Monday that it plans to expand its Sterling III pipeline to accommodate current and future growth from Enlink Midstream Partners and other customers in the STACK.

Nordam to supply panels for Airbus

The Journal Record - June 19, 2017

Nordam has signed a long-term contract to supply Airbus with anchored honeycomb air-inlet panels for the Leap-1A engine used on the A320neo family of aircraft. The agreement will generate several million dollars of annual revenue, with deliveries beginning early next year. The panels will be made at the Nordam Interiors & Structures Division in Tulsa.

Tower power: Wal-Mart pickup kiosk initiative arrives in Glenpool

Tulsa World (OK) - June 19, 2017

Wal-Mart's latest effort to become a click-and-mortar retailer is an orange, octagon-shaped column that stands 16 feet high and about 8 feet wide and functions as an oversized vending machine. The new pickup kiosk towers over the nearby self-checkout counters by the entrance of the Glenpool Wal-Mart Supercenter. Wal-Mart hopes the new piece of heavy machinery will increase customer's convenience and use of Walmart.com.

Hall Estill Tops for 10th Year

GTR Newspapers - June 17, 2017

Hall Estill, with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver, Northwest Arkansas and Nashville, has once again received high marks from the respected law firm and attorney ranking guide Chambers USA. The publication annually ranks law firms and individual attorneys across the country for their legal knowledge and excellence.

Cost Plus World Market in Midtown Village to open July 9

Tulsa World (OK) - June 16, 2017

Cost Plus World Market, the long-awaited home goods and lifestyle retailer that has built a store in Midtown Village, has an opening date: July 9. The retailer is hiring sales and stock associates, according to job postings. Cost Plus World Market will join a new Skechers retail store that just opened at Midtown Village, 5356 E. Skelly Drive.

WPX to form joint venture in Permian's Delaware Basin

Tulsa World (OK) - June 13, 2017

WPX Energy announced Tuesday that it has formed a strategic partnership with Howard Energy Partners to develop oil gathering and natural gas processing infrastructure. WPX will have a 50 percent interest in the joint venture. San Antonio-based Howard Energy Partners will serve as the operator and own the remaining 50 percent. The transaction involves about 37 percent of the Tulsa energy company's acreage in the Delaware Basin, according to a news release.

Williams Partners touts impact of Transco expansion

Tulsa World (OK) - June 10, 2017

An extension of the Transco Pipeline into the Northeast could have as much as a \$330 million economic impact across three states, Williams Partners LP said this week. The company announced Tuesday that it expects the expansion of the proposed Northeast Supply Enhancement project — part of the Transco pipeline — to increase natural gas deliveries to National Grid, the largest natural gas distributor in the northeast. A news release said the expansion is supporting as many as 3,186 jobs both directly and indirectly.

Alorica adding another 150 call center jobs at Eastgate Metroplex

Tulsa World (OK) - June 8, 2017

The former shopping mall that now houses a significant chunk of Tulsa's call center workforce is about to get a little fuller. Alorica, the global customer service company, announced Thursday that it plans to add another 150 employees to its workforce in Tulsa, bringing the company's headcount at its Eastgate Metroplex location to about 1,400. By 11 a.m., the line of potential applicants for the new positions was nearly out the door.

Bristow aviation engine repair company celebrating with open house

Tulsa World (OK) - June 8, 2017

A company that specializes in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of turbine engines is celebrating five years in business with an open house Friday at its new location at Jones Memorial Airport, 110 W. Seventh Ave. The Consolidated Turbine Specialists' event will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and include morning tours of the 16,000-square-foot facility and speakers Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb and state Rep. Kyle Hilbert.

SemGroup acquiring a Houston terminal company

Tulsa World (OK) - June 6, 2017

Tulsa-based midstream service company SemGroup unveiled a move into a key market Tuesday: Houston. The company announced in a news release its plans to acquire Houston Fuel Oil Terminal Co. The acquisition would give SemGroup ownership of one of the largest U.S. oil terminals, which has a capacity of about 16.8 million barrels. The deal, which is expected to close in the third quarter, will cost about \$2.1 billion in cash, stock and assumed debt, according to a company news release.

Calaveras announces second location set to open later this year

Tulsa World (OK) - June 6, 2017

Calaveras Mexican Grill will be opening a new location in Brookside later this year. The new restaurant will take over a former Ron's Hamburgers & Chili at 4909 S. Peoria Ave., according to David Molina, who runs the kitchen in the Kendall-Whittier neighborhood restaurant.

Tulsa startup develops autonomous docking station for drones

Tulsa World (OK) - June 6, 2017

For Brian Meier and his team at XWorks, the future of drone technology could mean huge opportunities for Tulsa. Meier, who runs XWorks from a hangar at Jones Riverside Airport in Jenks, spent two years developing the Robotic Docking and Interchange Station for drones. The RDIST allows drones to land to change or charge batteries, change cameras or sensors and change cargo — all without ever needing a pilot at the controls.

[Home goods and clothing store Cariloha coming to Utica Square](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 5, 2017

Bamboo home goods and apparel retailer Cariloha is coming to Utica Square, according to city of Tulsa building permits and the company's website. Utica Square received a building permit last week for alternations to 1760 Utica Square, which is next to Stonehorse Market. On the Cariloha website, the company lists the same Tulsa address and says it is coming soon.

[Tech company chooses Tulsa over Chicago for headquarters](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 2, 2017

A newly formed transportation logistics company, Logistyx Technologies, is moving its headquarters to Tulsa, which could bring up to 50 jobs over the next 18 months. The company's CEO Kevin Cox told the World that his company chose Tulsa over Chicago because of state incentives and the advocacy of local politicians and that the Oklahoma 21st Century Quality Jobs program was a "determining factor" in the decision.

[It's full steam ahead for downtown's hot yoga and coffee startup](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 2, 2017

Claire Spears, 25, and Brady Ballew, 24, are partners in a hot yoga and coffee venture called Press Cafe x Yoga, which is projected to open in October at 205 E. Archer St. Last month, the business won the Tulsa StartUp Series' food/retail/physical product segment, earning the owners \$2,500 for product advancement, a three-month membership to 36 Degrees North, a spot in the Venture Assessment Program at i2e, a mentor for at least three months and entry into Demo Day, which offers a grand prize of \$15,000.

Layoffs, Closings, Downsizes, Restructures

[Tulsa-based Fintube LLC seeks bankruptcy protection](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 30, 2017

A longtime Tulsa-based manufacturer of heat recovery units has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, according to federal court documents. Fintube LLC, 555 W. 41st St., filed a voluntary petition to restructure Thursday in U.S. District Court in Tulsa. Under this chapter of the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor usually proposes a plan of reorganization to keep its business alive and pay creditors over time.

[Tulsa's last Kmart to close in September](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 7, 2017

Tulsa's last Kmart won't be open much longer. A store employee confirmed Wednesday morning that the store will close in September. Employees were told Tuesday, they said. The soon-to-be-shuttered east Tulsa Kmart is among the 72 Sears and Kmart locations closing nationwide. The company announced the closures late Tuesday internally, according to Business Insider

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Comparative Unemployment Rates

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2017 May	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.1
2016 May	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.5

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