

July 2017

Spotlight on the Market

[Tulsa Regional Chamber meets fundraising goal for economic development initiative](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - July 31, 2017

The Tulsa Regional Chamber announced Monday that it has raised \$21.5 million for Tulsa's Future III — a more "holistic" economic development effort than the ones done in years past. Chamber President and CEO Mike Neal said the money, which was raised from 197 investors, will be used to fund a strategy that started last year and runs through 2020. Neal said the scope of the Tulsa's Future initiative was expanding to a 20-county region in the third phase.

[Workforce Tulsa, national group to create program](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - July 30, 2017

Workforce Tulsa and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health will join forces to develop and pilot test a new training program to promote workplace safety and health practices among young adults seeking career services and temporary employment opportunities. The Developing Work Safety Skills training program will be provided to participants in Workforce Tulsa's Youth Employment Program.

[Oklahoma wind farm construction will push state to No. 2 ranking, report says](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - July 28, 2017

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma has more than 1,600 megawatts of wind capacity under construction across eight projects and is poised to become the nation's No. 2 wind state by the end of the year, according to the latest market report released Thursday. The American Wind Energy Association said Oklahoma had 6,645 megawatts of wind capacity by the end of June, with the state maintaining its third-place ranking. Top-ranked Texas, at 21,004 megawatts, is followed by Iowa at 6,974 megawatts. Oklahoma didn't add any new wind capacity in the second quarter.

[Oklahoma GDP grows in first quarter, outpaces national rate](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - July 27, 2017

OKLAHOMA CITY - Economic growth in Oklahoma outpaced the nation in the first quarter as the state continues to recover from an energy-related downturn, the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis said Wednesday. Real gross domestic product grew by 1.9 percent in Oklahoma in the first quarter, while the nation's GDP grew by 1.2 percent.

[Coding school coming to Tulsa will offer full-stack course in Java](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - July 26, 2017

Coding Dojo, a computer coding school launching in September in Tulsa, announced Wednesday that it will innovate its curriculum by adding a full-stack course in Java. Java is a common programming language used in Android development and on the back end of companies such as LinkedIn, Google and Amazon. According to a recent Coding Dojo analysis, Java was one of the top two most in-demand programming languages in 10 major U.S. cities. Coding Dojo, a 14-week bootcamp, will begin at 36 Degrees North on Sept. 18.

[Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation announces plans for \\$5.5 million Mother Road Market](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - July 26, 2017

Start with a sliver of historic Route 66, add dashes of homegrown edibles and entrepreneurship, and one has the ingredients for the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation's newest venture. Celebrating its 20th anniversary as a nonprofit, LTFF announced plans Wednesday to develop the \$5.5 million Mother Road Market at its headquarters at 1124 S. Lewis Ave. Billed as a vibrant community space, it will feature 26,000 square feet and 17 curated shops designed to bridge the next step for graduates of Kitchen 66, a food incubator founded by LTFF.

[Tulsa Public Schools, YMCA obtain Wallace Foundation grant to boost social, emotional learning opportunities for students](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - July 24, 2017

Tulsa is one of six cities nationwide selected to receive funding over the next four years to implement better opportunities for developing students' social and emotional skills. Tulsa Public Schools announced Monday that it and the YMCA of Greater Tulsa obtained the four-year grant provided as part of the Partnerships for Social and Emotional Learning Initiative by the Wallace Foundation, based in New York City and dedicated to improvements in learning and enrichment for disadvantaged children and the vitality of the arts. The grant will amount to between \$1 million and \$1.5 million in each of the four years.

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Transit leaders unveil Aero, the new Peoria Bus Rapid Transit line

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City of Tulsa and Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority leaders announced that Aero is the new name for the Peoria Bus Rapid Transit line. Officials introduced the route schedule, station locations and the bus and station design concepts. The Aero will provide a faster and more frequent service with enhanced vehicles, stations and rider amenities. The route is about 18 miles and services the Peoria Avenue from E. 54th Street North to east 81st and S. Lewis Avenue.

Ditch Witch represents Oklahoma in White House's 'Made in America' showcase

Tulsa World (OK) - July 18, 2017

OKLAHOMA CITY - A Perry-based underground construction machinery manufacturer represented Oklahoma on Monday in a showcase at the White House highlighting American manufacturing. The Made in America products showcase featured products made in all 50 states and was the start to White House's "Made in America" week focusing on U.S. manufacturing. Ditch Witch, a Charles Machine Works Co., was Oklahoma's representative in the White House's Made in America product showcase.

BMX to build arena, world headquarters in Tulsa at Evans-Fintube industrial site

Tulsa World (OK) - July 5, 2017

Downtown's long-empty Evans-Fintube industrial site will be the home of USA BMX and a new indoor arena with hopes to host BMX Olympic trials by 2020, officials said Wednesday. City officials scrambled to identify a new site after the Vision Tulsa plan to place it at the Tulsa Fairgrounds fell through last month. The next steps are ongoing environmental cleanup and taking the design of an Olympic-grade facility past the current conceptual phase. Once built, the facility will be a natural bridge that connects activity from the historic Greenwood neighborhood into north Tulsa with plans and space to house more private businesses than just the USA BMX group, city leaders said.

Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions

Parkside Psychiatric Hospital to more than double in-patient mental health beds with new building

Tulsa World (OK) - July 27, 2017

Parkside Psychiatric Hospital & Clinic is set to begin construction on its new in-patient treatment center next month. The facility will allow Parkside to address two community needs by more than doubling the number of in-patient mental health beds and creating a new drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. The 114,500-square-foot facility will be built on the northeast corner of 13th Street and Trenton Avenue, adjacent to the current Parkside facility at 1619 E. 13th St.

Ground Broken for Oklahoma's First Hotel Indigo

GTR Newspapers – July 25, 2017

Hotel Indigo representatives hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$18 million dollar hotel in the Blue Dome District in downtown Tulsa in June. Oklahoma's first Hotel Indigo is a high-end boutique brand, to be located in the Blue Dome District, will be the first phase of the multi-million dollar Santa Fe mixed-use development. Dignitaries and executives made a presentation on the hotel's significant economic impact on downtown and the greater Tulsa community. Hotel Indigo will be on the corner of East First Street and South Elgin Avenue (across from McNellies).

Bama Cos. hotcake expansion to be unveiled next week

Tulsa World (OK) - July 22, 2017

Bama Cos. plans to dedicate its new hotcakes facility on Monday, showing the media and others an investment that has helped diversify the company's revenue. The hotcakes expansion is part of the company's Bama Foods plant in the Cherokee Industrial Park near Owasso. Ground was broken on the new building last year after one of the company's clients, McDonald's, saw success with all-day breakfast, which created a need for more hotcakes.

Grocery delivery service Instacart coming to Tulsa metro as part of broader push

Tulsa World (OK) - July 20, 2017

Grocery delivery service Instacart said Thursday it will launch next week in the Tulsa metro area, giving customers the chance to order groceries and have them delivered. In a news release, the San Francisco-based company said it would start offering its delivery service locally on July 27, and customers could order from stores such as Whole Foods, Petco, Costco Wholesale, Natural Grocers and Reasor's. Instacart said the service will be available for more than 250,000 households in the metro area, including Tulsa, Bixby, Broken Arrow, Catoosa, Coweta, Glenpool, Inola, Jenks, Mannford, Owasso, Sand Springs and Sapulpa.

Taco business takes Social Enterprise category of the Tulsa StartUp Series

Tulsa World (OK) - July 19, 2017

A taco-selling business underwritten by Youth Services of Tulsa captured the Social Enterprise leg of the Tulsa StartUp Series on Wednesday night at 36 Degrees North. Wes Rose of T-Town Tacos will receive \$2,500 for product advancement, a three-month membership to 36 Degrees North, a spot in the Venture Assessment Program at i2e and a mentor with weekly availability for at least three months. Rose, 32, also earned a spot into the semifinals of Demo Day, which offers a grand prize of \$15,000.

SemGroup completes terminal purchase

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SemGroup Corp. has completed the purchase of Houston Fuel Oil Terminal Co. from investment funds managed by Alinda Capital Partners. The terminal on the Houston Ship Channel is one of the largest oil terminals in the country. The 16.8-million-barrel terminal has crude pipeline delivery connectivity to the local refining complex, deep water marine access and inbound crude receipt pipeline connectivity, as well as rail and truck loading and unloading capabilities from major producing basins.

Dental Depot to open office near Harvard and I-44

Tulsa World (OK) - July 19, 2017

Oklahoma City-based Dental Depot will soon begin construction on an office at 4770 S. Harvard Ave. with an opening slated for near the end of the year. The \$1.15 million building will join almost a dozen oral health offices already located along Harvard between 41st Street and I-44. With 12 stations, the new facility will offer family and general dentistry. It will also mark a milestone for the practice as the new location will be its 20th site to open overall with all of its expansion coming within the last decade.

J. Spencer jewelry and gifts expanding into Broken Arrow

Tulsa World (OK) - July 19, 2017

Local boutique J. Spencer will add some local flavor to the burgeoning retail growth in Broken Arrow, a place that continues to see new storefronts amid a nationwide "retail apocalypse." For owner Julie Spencer, the new location is a chance to be closer to part of her customer base — something that is increasingly important as e-commerce continues to add market share.

Tulsa's first Salata to open Thursday in KingsPointe

Tulsa World (OK) - July 18, 2017

Salata will stage a grand opening of its first Tulsa restaurant beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday at 6030 S. Yale Ave. in KingsPointe Village. Salata is scheduled to open two other Tulsa locations in the fall on Cherry Street (1619 E. 15th St.) and at First Place Tower (15 E. Fifth St.).

Cox to hold grand opening for Broken Arrow store

Tulsa World (OK) - July 14, 2017

Cox Communications will play host to a grand opening from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at its new store at 866 E. Hillside Drive. It is among five new businesses to open in a new Broken Arrow shopping center.

New St. John Rehabilitation Hospital to open in Broken Arrow next month

Tulsa World (OK) - July 13, 2017

BROKEN ARROW — Officials are celebrating the grand opening of the new St. John Rehabilitation Hospital on Tuesday as construction of the facility nears completion. Patients will be moved into the new \$18.87 million facility on Aug. 1. The rehab hospital currently is located in 23,000 square feet of space at St. John's main campus in Tulsa. It houses 22 beds in double-occupancy rooms.

Kumon opens learning center

The Journal Record - July 11, 2017

Kumon, an after-school math and reading program, has opened a new center in Owasso. Kumon, based in Teaneck, New Jersey, has 12 math and reading centers in Oklahoma, including five in the Tulsa area. Kumon reported 882 subject enrollments at the five Tulsa-area centers and 2,113 subject enrollments at the 12 centers in Oklahoma.

Matrix Service awarded contract

The Journal Record - July 11, 2017

Matrix Service Co. has been selected by Southwest Gas Corp. as the engineering, procurement and construction contractor for the Southern Arizona Reliability Project LNG storage complex. The LNG storage and vaporization plant will include a 2.8-million-gallon single containment LNG storage tank and a vaporization unit. It will be the state's first natural gas storage complex.

Promise Hotels to build Holiday Inn Express in Brady District, buy another hotel near Woodland Hills

Tulsa World (OK) - July 5, 2017

Locally owned Promise Hotels is developing a Holiday Inn Express downtown and purchasing one in south Tulsa, Promise's owner said Wednesday. Total costs for the new 110-room Holiday Inn to be located at 310 E. Archer St., near ONEOK Field, will be between \$12 million to \$14 million, Promise Hotels CEO Pete Patel said. He also is expected to close Thursday on the 12-year-old Holiday Inn Express at 9010 E. 71st St., near Woodland Hills Mall.

Halliburton acquires Tulsa-based Summit ESP; local workforce to remain

Tulsa World (OK) - July 4, 2017

Oil services giant Halliburton Co. has acquired Tulsa-based Summit ESP, according to a person familiar with the matter. Halliburton plans to retain Summit's Tulsa-area workforce and office indefinitely, said the person, who asked not to be identified Monday because the deal had not been officially announced. Summit, based at 835 W. 41st St., employs about 225 people in Tulsa and more than 500 company-wide.

Layoffs, Closings, Downsizes, Restructures

Planned job cuts at Bartlesville ConocoPhillips operations taking place

Tulsa World (OK) - July 17, 2017

Energy giant ConocoPhillips confirmed Monday morning that planned job cuts related to the sale of some of its Canadian assets are taking place. A company spokesman declined to provide specifics of the job cuts. He said that the company continues to employ about 1,300 in Bartlesville. This isn't the first time in recent years that ConocoPhillips has cut jobs in Bartlesville. It cut about 170 jobs there in the fall of 2015 and 90 jobs last summer.

Comparative Unemployment Rates

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2017 June	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.5
2016 June	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.1

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