

May 2018

Spotlight on the Market

ARTS: Theatre Tulsa director earns national honor

Tulsa World - May 29, 2018

Sara Phoenix, artistic director of Theatre Tulsa, will be honored for her work with the American Association of Community Theatre. Phoenix will be presented the Shining Star Award at the organization's WorldFest International Theater Festival, to be held June 18-23 in Venice, Florida

Tulsa Hard Rock nominated by ACM as casino of year

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The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa has been nominated for Casino of the Year (small capacity) for the 53rd annual Academy of Country Music Awards. It is the third nomination since 2012 for the casino and its concert venue. The nomination comes as The Joint kicks off the 2018 Country Gold Summer Series in June.

Amazon to build fulfillment center near OKC airport

Tulsa World - May 27, 2018

Amazon.com released a statement late Friday acknowledging plans to build a fulfillment center in Oklahoma City near the Will Rogers World Airport. Amazon Senior Manager of Economic Development Tom Florino recently presented to the Oklahoma City Economic Development Trust plans for the center, which he said would be 640,000 square feet and would employ 1,750 when completed.

Manufacturing activity sets record high in Oklahoma region

Tulsa World - May 25, 2018

OKLAHOMA CITY — Manufacturing activity in a region that includes Oklahoma continues to expand, setting a record composite index level for the second consecutive month, a regional survey said Thursday. The survey, conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, said the Tenth District manufacturing activity in May showed a composite index of 29. This is up from 26 in April and 17 in March.

Nonprofit staffing agency helping individuals with disabilities has opened Tulsa office

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A nonprofit staffing organization for individuals with disabilities is expanding its presence Oklahoma. Galt Foundation announced it has opened a Tulsa office, its second location in the state. The agency has had an office in Oklahoma City since 2001. The organization connects skilled individuals with disabilities to jobs in public and private sectors.

Bixby tops area cities in population growth, while Tulsa shrank, according to U.S. Census Bureau

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While other Oklahoma cities saw slowed population growth or even lost residents last year, Bixby bucked the trend with an increase not seen in 15 years. The population in the south Tulsa County city increased by 1,113 during the period of July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2017, bringing its total number of residents to 26,724, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau estimates. The growth pace made Bixby the fastest-growing city in the region and second-fastest overall in the state.

Tulsa named one of three Cities of Service chosen from 100 worldwide for Engaged Cities award

Tulsa World - May 17, 2018

Tulsa's Urban Data Pioneers program was recognized Wednesday as one of the most innovative and effective approaches to municipal problem-solving in the Americas and Europe. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg presented Tulsa; Bologna, Italy; and Santiago de Cali, Colombia, with the Cities of Service Engaged Cities award at a ceremony in New York City. More than 100 cities applied for the award.

Okmulgee airport recognized by airport operators group

Tulsa World - May 13, 2018

Okmulgee Regional Airport has been named Airport of the Year by the The Oklahoma Airport Operators Association. At the OAOA awards banquet this month, it also selected the airport's superintendent, Gary Utley, as Airport Manager of the Year.

Oklahoma tribe to help 'integrate drones into our national airspace' through federal program

Tulsa World - May 10, 2018

The Choctaw Nation has been chosen by the federal government to help integrate drone technology into national air-

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space. The U.S. Department of Transportation selected 10 state, local and tribal governments to participate in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program, announced last October. The Choctaw Nation is the only Oklahoma group selected.

Group announces creation of Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce

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A group of north Tulsa business owners and community leaders on Thursday announced the creation of a new organization to help attract new businesses to the area and expand existing ones. The Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce will fill a void that has been created in part by troubles surrounding operations at the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, officials said.

Tulsa World named Newspaper of the Year at 2018 Great Plains Journalism Awards

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Tulsa World took home the highest honor at the 2018 Great Plains Journalism Awards, earning the title Newspaper of the Year. The Great Plains Journalism Awards, presented by the Tulsa Press Club and Benevolent Association, promote the highest standards of journalism. The eight-state competition includes Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

East Central High School, Spirit AeroSystems to partner on internships

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For Spirit AeroSystems and Tulsa Public Schools, the new internship program for East Central High School students is the acknowledgement of a simple truth: Not everyone is going to go to college after high school. The partnership between the east Tulsa high school and one of the city's largest manufacturers is aimed at providing a path for students to enter the workforce out of high school and help remedy Spirit's problem finding workers. The Tulsa plant, which employs about 1,100 people, has about half of its workers eligible for retirement, according to the company's human resources director.

Tulsa Pop Culture Expo, XPO partnering with OKPOP for homegrown convention

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The Tulsa Pop Culture Expo and the XPO Gaming Festival are merging — and partnering with the Oklahoma Museum of Popular Culture — to provide Tulsa with a homegrown pop culture convention experience. The convention, the second annual Tulsa Pop Culture Expo, is scheduled Nov. 2-4 at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center and will benefit Tulsa Pop Kids.

Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions

Claremore manufacturer takes part in Oklahoma Works Apprenticeship Program

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CLAREMORE — Four young adults embraced a head start on a career Friday at Pelco Structural. The Claremore-based, steel-pole manufacturer recognized them for being the company's first enrollees in the Governor's Oklahoma Works Apprenticeship Program, which assists in filling the skills gap in the current workforce by providing job and classroom training.

Coffee and cocktail bar near Church Studio to build on area's rock roots

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A Tulsa couple is looking to spur development near Third Street and Utica Avenue while showcasing the city's rock 'n' roll heritage. Coffee Blues, set to open in early August, will be a coffee and cocktail bar at 315 S. Trenton Ave. in the old Garden Deva Sculpture Co. location.

Jackie Cooper Showcases 3rd Tulsa Location

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Tulsa auto group, Jackie Cooper, has opened a third Tulsa location at 88th Street and South Memorial Drive. Construction of the 36,000 square foot Jackie Cooper Infiniti retail and service facility on a five-and-a-half-acre site began February 14, 2017. Locally-owned and operated, Jackie Cooper began doing business in Tulsa in August 1991 and is now an authorized dealership for Infiniti, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan and Porsche.

Marshall Brewing Company Celebrates 10 Years

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Marshall Brewing Company, Tulsa's first production brewery, celebrated its tenth anniversary April 22 at its brewery located at 618 S. Wheeling Ave. in Tulsa. Marshall Brewing was founded in April of 2008 by fourth generation Tulsan Eric Marshall.

Hall Estill Receives Top National Ranking

GTR Newspapers - May 21, 2018

Hall Estill, a leading law firm, with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver and Northwest Arkansas, 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.

WPX Energy to buy former Spaghetti Warehouse building

Tulsa World - May 21, 2018

A Tulsa-based energy company may be buying the former Spaghetti Warehouse building. Citing anonymous sources, KOTV-Channel 6 has reported that WPX Energy is under contract to purchase the building at 221 E. Mathew B. Brady St.

Magellan Midstream to expand west Texas pipeline system

Tulsa World - May 21, 2018

Magellan Midstream plans to expand the western leg of its refined petroleum products pipeline in Texas and New Mexico, the company announced Monday. The expansion will allow the pipeline to handle incremental shipments of gasoline and diesel fuel to demand centers in Abilene, Midland/Odessa and El Paso. Work on the \$300 million expansion is expected to be completed by mid-2020.

Cushing oil terminal continues expansion

Tulsa World - May 20, 2018

Keyera, a Canadian-based midstream company that primarily has provided natural gas gathering and processing and related services north of the border, said last week that it has hired Tulsa-based Matrix Service Co. to build it a 12-tank storage and blending operation for crude oil at the Cushing oil terminal. Once it becomes operational, officials said Keyera's Wildhorse Terminal will add 4.5 million barrels of working storage capacity to the overall Cushing terminal, which analysts estimated had about 90 million barrels of capacity in November.

Sand Springs Walmart celebrates ribbon cutting grand re-opening of newly-remodeled store

Tulsa World - May 18, 2018

The Sand Springs Walmart celebrated the official ribbon cutting and grand re-opening for its newly-remodeled building Friday morning. The store at 220 State Highway 97 features an updated entertainment department with interactive displays and a new photo lab, an updated jewelry department, an updated pharmacy with a private consultation room, and other improvements.

Society, a burger restaurant by Rib Crib, to open on Cherry Street in mid June

Tulsa World - May 10, 2018

Society, a new hamburger restaurant under the Rib Crib umbrella, is scheduled to open in mid-June, according to a company spokesperson. Society will be at 1419 E. 15th St. next to Hideaway Pizza in space that formerly held a Quiznos.

St. John Clinic Opens in Bixby

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St. John Clinic held a community grand opening May 9 to celebrate its newest facility, which is located at 7333 E. 121st St. in Bixby. Community guests and local leaders attended the event to get a firsthand look at the 24,900-square-foot facility that will provide primary care, urgent care and digital lab services to one of the state's fastest-growing communities. The clinic began seeing patients May 14.

Table Talk: Honduran, Mexican restaurants open in Brookside

Tulsa World - May 8, 2018

A new Mexican restaurant and a new Honduran restaurant have opened in Brookside. The Mexican restaurant, 3 Tequilas Mexican Grill & Cantina, is at 3308 S. Peoria Ave. in space formerly occupied by Ciao! It also has locations in Edmond and Broken Arrow.

New pet store opens at 61st and Memorial

Tulsa World - May 4, 2018

The owners of a new south Tulsa pet store are hoping their knowledgeable staff and competitive prices will be a winning combination. Pet Supplies Plus is celebrating its grand opening this weekend. The store is located in the former TGI Friday's at 8221 E. 61st St.

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Comparative Unemployment Rates

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2018 April	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
2017 April	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.1

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