

June 2016

Spotlight on the Market

[Collinsville carries out vital changes to City Lake, Veteran's Building](#)

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The city of Collinsville has recently taken on two major projects — the Collinsville Lake Trail project and the Veterans Building renovation — that will give members of the community more places to come together and enjoy all the area has to offer.

[New feature opening at Tulsa Children's Museum on Saturday](#)

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Discovery Lab will have new ways for kids to play and feed their curiosity with the addition of two Rigamajig sets starting Saturday. The new large-scale building kit, designed by Cas Holman, encourages "collaborative play and engineering," according to press information. It involves a collection of wooden planks, pulleys, nuts and bolts that kids can play with and, at the same time, create, think critically, work together and solve problems, according to Ray Vandiver, executive director of Discovery Lab.

[American Theatre Company takes two top awards at TATE ceremony](#)

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American Theatre Company was the big winner at the eighth annual Tulsa Awards for Theatre Excellence, in a ceremony Sunday at the Cain's Ballroom. The company took the top prize for Outstanding Production of a Play for "Mothers and Sons," its staging of the Terence McNally drama about a woman confronting her dead son's former lover and his new family. The award comes with a Lucite trophy and a \$10,000 cash prize.

[Double Up Oklahoma incentive program expands to more Oklahoma farmers markets](#)

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More area farmers markets will provide access to fresh Oklahoma-grown produce and products starting in July thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive grant. Funds will go to the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa to increase fruit and vegetable consumption through the Double Up Oklahoma program, which was formerly named Double Up Food Bucks, and provides the opportunity for low-income families participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to receive additional resources to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, according to a news release.

[Tulsa Tech awards scholarships](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 24, 2016

The Tulsa Tech Education Foundation recently awarded three current and qualified adult students \$1,000 each through the Foundation of Excellence Scholarship. Justin Robinson, Lisa Estes and Cesar Flores all were awarded based upon merit and performance in the classroom. Each were honored with a check presentation and award earlier this month at Tulsa Tech's Skyline administration campus. Students learning four areas of training in manufacturing, aviation, automotive and construction were recommended and nominated by their instructor and counselor for displaying outstanding characteristics in the classroom and in their chosen career field.

[Bixby's BTC Broadband expanding fiber optics into Glenpool, Collinsville, other area cities](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 24, 2016

BIXBY — A Bixby telecommunications company announced Thursday that it is undergoing a fiber optic expansion into more than a half-dozen area cities. BTC Broadband has extended its service to Glenpool, Mounds, Kiefer, Kellyville, Morris, Twin Hills schools (Okmulgee) and Collinsville, BTC Broadband President Scott Floyd said in a telephone interview. Work in those areas was completed last year and coverage to Collinsville schools is scheduled to be completed by July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

[Demolition leads to development](#)

Tulsa World (OK) - June 23, 2016

Contractors for the City of Broken Arrow began demolition of the old Assembly of God Church on the morning of Thursday, June 23. The removal of the former church building at 305 N. Main Street will expand the Rose District north and open up room for additional retail, business, and residential space.

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Seventh grade girls spend week at STEM camp

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Four seventh graders from Mrs. Henrie's science classes were recently nominated for the Tech Trek Summer Camp held at the University of Tulsa June 12-18. Tech Trek empowers girls to begin a successful path toward taking AP courses in high school, pursuing a college degree, and ultimately entering the STEM workforce. Campers stayed on the TU campus for the week while they learned about STEM fields, interacted with female STEM professionals, performed experiments and participated in hands-on activities.

Tulsa's new Route 66 Commission to promote tourism, development along historic highway

Tulsa World (OK) - June 18, 2016

Mayor Dewey Bartlett announced the launch of the Route 66 Commission, which will promote tourism and economic development along the historic highway. Created by an executive order that Bartlett signed earlier in the week, the commission will have 15 members, including one from each of the five City Council districts that have a stretch of Route 66 running through them. Other commission members will include Ken Busby, the executive director of the Route 66 Experience, a \$19.5 million tourist attraction that he hopes will break ground this fall on the east side of the historic 11th Street bridge.

Business leaders talk adjustments at economic future forum

Tulsa World (OK) - June 14, 2016

Tulsa business leaders used an economic development conference focused on the future to highlight how they are making real-time adjustments to evolving situations on the ground. Tulsa and the Tulsa Regional Chamber played host to International Economic Development Council's Future Forum from Sunday until Tuesday afternoon, aiming to show business leaders from across the country the area's best practices. The conference, which drew about 350 people to the Hyatt Regency downtown, included topics ranging from site selection to workforce inclusion to early childhood education.

Tulsa Tech to launch new professional truck-driving program this fall

Tulsa World (OK) - June 13, 2016

BROKEN ARROW — Today the trucking industry is 48,000 drivers short, and by 2025 that shortage is expected to climb to 174,000 drivers nationally. The trucking industry's need — both in Oklahoma and nationally — is one of the reasons that Tulsa Tech is launching its new professional truck driving program, tech center spokesman Ryan Williams said. Tulsa Tech's 19-week professional truck driving program launches in early August. Classes will be held at the school's Broken Arrow campus.

Owasso putting finishing touches on new City Hall

Tulsa World (OK) - June 13, 2016

The City of Owasso is putting the finishing touches on the new City Hall — formerly the First Bank building, located at 102 W. Second Ave. — where more than 50 city staff will relocate from the current City Hall at 111 N. Main St. on Saturday, July 9.

Tulsa County Commission votes to buy downtown site for new juvenile justice center

Tulsa World (OK) - June 13, 2016

Tulsa County commissioners on Monday voted to purchase downtown property where they hope to construct a juvenile justice facility after more than two years of searching for a site. The commission's 3-0 vote, following an executive session, begins the process of purchasing 7.2 acres of property owned by Storey Wrecker, the city of Tulsa's former contracted wrecker service, for \$5.6 million. The executive session came after more than a dozen people spoke either for or against the county commission's previous plan to build near 36th Street North and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Cherokee Nation receives \$1 million in federal funds to increase youth health coverage

Tulsa World (OK) - June 13, 2016

The Cherokee Nation was awarded a \$1 million federal grant Monday to support efforts to increase the number of children enrolled in health coverage. The grant was part of \$32 million in Connecting Kids to Coverage grants awarded to 38 organizations in 27 states by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The funding is part of a national effort to get more eligible children enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Ledgers wins 2015 Sequoyah award

Tulsa World (OK) - June 12, 2016

OKLAHOMA CITY — For the fourth straight year, the Broken Arrow Ledger was selected the winner of the Oklahoma Press Association's Sequoyah Award (Division 9) for its reporting work. The announcement came Saturday night during the OPA awards banquet at the Sheraton Hotel that honored many state newspapers in 10 divisions. The Ledger won eight first places in the 13 overall judging categories.

Goodwill Industries of Tulsa opens center with expanded jobs-training space

Tulsa World (OK) - June 9, 2016

Goodwill Industries of Tulsa opened the Edgar J. Helms Center. Located at 2740 Southwest Blvd, the facility is named for the organization's founder and will be home to the shipping and receiving training program; Contract Services, a prevocational training program; and the forklift training program.

Teeing up growth: Owasso's Patriot Golf Club announces expansion

Tulsa World (OK) - June 7, 2016

The Patriot Golf Club recently unveiled plans for \$9.5 million renovation that is expected to be completed in the summer of 2018.

Downtown's New Design

Tulsa World (OK) - June 6, 2016

Owasso's third Gathering on Main, held Thursday, June 2, offered up more than just good food and fun activities — it also featured the big reveal of the new logo for the Redbud District in downtown. Over the last few months, the City of Owasso has carried out several developments for the area, including the teardown and restructuring of the 1st and Main building, the renaming of the region, and the impending relocation of City Hall.

Bartlesville Adult Learning Center Receives \$10,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Adult Literacy

Tulsa World (OK) - June 6, 2016

BARTLESVILLE — The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded the Bartlesville Adult Learning Center a \$10,000 grant to support adult literacy. This local grant award is part of over \$7.1 million in grants awarded to more than 900 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the 43 states that Dollar General serves. The Bartlesville Adult Learning Center is sponsored by the Bartlesville School District. The Bartlesville Adult Learning Center provides educational assistance to individuals in order to help them improve their literacy skills, earn a High School Equivalency Diploma, and become more proficient with the English language.

Dark glass being removed in downtown remodeling project

Tulsa World (OK) - June 4, 2016

Workers have started removing the black glass panels as the former Enterprise Building, 522 S. Boston Ave., is converted into the Meridia Apartments. The 93 apartments will be primarily one- and two-bedroom units, 88 of which will include open-air balconies. River City Development is underwriting the \$10 million project. The downtown office building was constructed in 1954, and the panels installed in the early 1980s.

Morton celebrates opening of clinic at Tulsa Housing Authority property west of downtown

Tulsa World (OK) - June 4, 2016

Officials with Morton Comprehensive Health Services celebrated the opening of its clinic west of downtown on Friday. Morton -West Tulsa Family Health Center, 6116 W. 11th St., is the health provider's fourth location in Tulsa. The clinic is located at Sandy Park, a Tulsa Housing Authority housing property.

Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions

Krebs Brewing Co. acquires Tulsa-based Prairie Artisan Ales

Tulsa World (OK) - June 30, 2016

Oklahoma's Krebs Brewing Co. has purchased the popular Tulsa-based Prairie Artisan Ales. Zach Prichard, president of Krebs Brewing Co., said his brewery has acquired the brands, labels and recipes for Prairie. However, Prairie has had a partnership in Krebs for years, so Prichard said the beer line won't change much.

Style Scene: Retailer Madewell coming to Utica Square this fall

Tulsa World (OK) - June 30, 2016

Madewell is opening in Utica Square in the fall. The retailer, which will move into the space next to West Elm formerly occupied by Talbots, is an American denim label and sister company to J. Crew, according to press information.

Expo Square Microtel to change hands; second hotel may be built

Tulsa World (OK) - June 27, 2016

A deal scheduled for closing Friday is expected to lead to renovated and possibly expanded hotel facilities at Expo Square, those involved said Monday. Promise Hotels Chief Executive Officer Paresh "Pete" Patel confirmed his company expects to close Friday on the \$2.525 million purchase of Expo Square's 103-room Microtel. Patel said he expects to begin renovating the 17-year-old hotel early next year, and there is a "good possibility" his company will build a second near the Microtel in the next few years.

Just Between Friends makes Forbes' list for best franchises

Tulsa World (OK) - June 22, 2016

Local resale company Just Between Friends has made a notable Forbes' Magazine list for a third time. The children's clothing and toys consignment sale firm, which was founded in Tulsa, was named to the Forbes' list of best franchises to invest in for startup costs between \$0 and \$150,000. It came in at No. 8 on the list — and typical investment costs are about \$30,000 for Just Between Friends. The company, co-founded by Shannon Wilburn and Daven Tackett, has spread across most of the U.S. with resale events happening in most major cities and across Canada.

SemGroup completes Tulsa headquarters expansion to 175 employees

Tulsa World (OK) - June 21, 2016

SemGroup Corp. has expanded the workforce at its Tulsa headquarters to a total of 175 employees, company officials announced Monday. The growth reflects an increase of 51 workers who were relocated from the energy company's Oklahoma City office to its south Tulsa headquarters at Two Warren Place.

Table Talk: Libby Billings plans to open ramen bar in Deco District

Tulsa World (OK) - June 21, 2016

Libby Billings, who owns Elote Cafe and The Vault, will open a ramen bar in late summer or early fall. It will be located at 601

S. Boston Ave. in space currently occupied by Lassalle's New Orleans Deli. Lassalle's will be moving to the Pythian Building, 423 S. Boulder Ave., in early to mid-August.

Jackson Technical to enlarge downtown footprint with new headquarters

Tulsa World (OK) - June 21, 2016

Two years after Tim Jackson founded his IT services company from his home in Broken Arrow, he sought a niche in downtown Tulsa. He found one in 2001. Jackson Technical will break ground Wednesday morning on an 18,878-square-foot building at 611 S. Elgin Ave, a move that Jackson says will almost quadruple its current space in the Philtower Building, its home since 2008.

Braum's opens new site in Owasso

Tulsa World (OK) - June 20, 2016

Local sweet tooth with a hankering for ice cream this summer can now visit the new Braum's store – located at 11495 E. 96th St. – which opened its doors on Monday, June 13. The new site opened just before the older location, located at 11503 E 76th St North, shut down to be completely replaced. Braum's plans to announce an opening date for this location later in the year. The new building is almost 5,000 square feet of space with double-drive through windows and a dining room that can seat about 75 guests.

City welcomes new Starbucks location

Tulsa World (OK) - June 20, 2016

Owasso just gave dedicated coffee enthusiasts across the community another reason to celebrate with the March 13 opening of the city's second full Starbucks store. The site, located at 116th Street North and west of U.S. 169, offers locals of all ages a modern space to relax and enjoy their favorite caffeinated beverage

Table Talk: Stillhouse Bar & Grill opens in south Tulsa

Tulsa World (OK) - June 15, 2016

Stillhouse Bar & Grill has opened at 8922 S. Memorial Drive. "We are a prohibition-themed establishment featuring an array of moonshine and whiskey cocktails with fantastic food items," general manager Brandon Attebury said. "We have a professionally trained chef with an extensive and creative take on pub fare items." Stillhouse Bar & Grill is located in space formerly occupied by Cork Wine Cafe.

Table Talk: Torero Bar & Kitchen targets mid-July opening downtown

Tulsa World (OK) - June 15, 2016

Torero Bar & Kitchen is scheduled to open in mid-July near the BOK Center. Bush said Torero will have Latin, Spanish and South American influences in the food and drinks. In addition to Bush and Van Anglen, John Gaberino and chef Matt Owen also are involved in the venture. Bush, Van Anglen and Gaberino also operate Hodges Bend. Owen is a former chef at the now-closed Canebrake resort.

Tulsa's AAON Inc. expanding with record sales and earnings

Tulsa World (OK) - June 15, 2016

When Norm Asbjornson purchased the heating and air conditioning division of the John Zink Co. in 1987, the business had 92 employees and was netting \$16 million to \$17 million in annual sales. Today the enterprise is known as AAON Inc., a name that President and CEO Asbjornson said he selected because alphabetically "AA" puts the firm at the top of stock pages and business listings. The company employs more than 1,300 at its Tulsa headquarters, as well as roughly 300 employees in Longview, Texas, and reports more than \$358 million in annual sales.

Warren Theatre worth the wait

Tulsa World (OK) - June 15, 2016

Since its debut in Broken Arrow in December 2014, the Warren Theatre has definitely made its mark on the community. According to the city's vice president of economic development, Warren Unsicker, the \$43 million facility was well worth the wait. "The Warren Theatre has been a significant investment to the community as a whole and will hopefully serve as an anchor to southern Broken Arrow," he said.

Hideaway Pizza to open first out-of-state stores in Arkansas

Tulsa World (OK) - June 13, 2016

Popular Oklahoma restaurant chain Hideaway Pizza is expanding beyond Oklahoma's borders. It will open a location in North Little Rock, Arkansas, this fall, the company said in a news release. The chain has 17 Hideaway locations in Oklahoma. The company has spread across most of the state since its first location opened in 1957 on Oklahoma State University's campus in Stillwater. Expansion plans also include Conway, Arkansas, in early 2017, according to the news release.

McNellie's Group uncovers windows, wood and tin at new headquarters, events center

Tulsa World (OK) - June 11, 2016

McNellie's Group will establish its new corporate headquarters in a building erected nearly 100 years ago. McNellie's Group is close to completing its more than \$1 million transformation of the original Bond Baking Building constructed in 1920. McNellie's Group will occupy the second floor, while the bottom floor is home to Bond Catering and Events, which will serve as base for the group's catering service, as well as an events center that can seat about 300 people.

Triumph Energy Partners announces STACK play acquisition

Tulsa World (OK) - June 11, 2016

Triumph Energy Partners announced this week that it has closed on the purchase of oil and gas assets in the STACK play for a purchase price of \$74.5 million. The assets include approximately 8,000 acres and 5 million cubic feet of gas equivalent

per day of net production in the Oklahoma counties of Blaine, Kingfisher and Canadian. Triumph Energy Partners LLC is a Tulsa-based company funded by Kayne Anderson Energy Fund VII. Triumph is focused on acquisition and development of resources in the Mid-Continent and Permian regions.

DiversityConneX looks to fill gap in job recruiting

Tulsa World (OK) - June 9, 2016

A Tulsa-based startup is looking to become a regional player in diverse employment recruiting, which continues to rise in prominence as the country's — and Tulsa's — demographics shift. More than half of students in Tulsa Public Schools are nonwhite, along with more than a third of the city's population. Translation: The younger the worker, the less likely they are to be white males. The problem that Risha Grant discovered is the gap between the potential employees and local employers. The employers were telling her that they didn't know how or where to find candidates with diverse racial, ethnic and gender backgrounds, which led her to create DiversityConneX.

On heels of 20th anniversary, Glenpool's Champagne Metals to celebrate business expansion

Tulsa World (OK) - June 9, 2016

GLENPOOL — Champagne Metals is without question the fastest-growing aluminum service center and processor in the country, President and CEO Michael Champagne said. Next week the Glenpool-based company will celebrate the 80,000-square-foot expansion of its facility in Middlebury, Indiana, located just east of South Bend, as well as introduce the piece of equipment that sets it apart from competitors in a major way — a machine with the ability to cut aluminum up to 111 inches wide.

Style Scene: Evereve opens first store in Oklahoma in Utica Square

Tulsa World (OK) - June 7, 2016

Evereve, a new casual contemporary women's clothing boutique, will hold its grand opening June 15 at Utica Square. The new store, the first for the brand in Oklahoma, will open at 10 a.m. Evereve, which has 62 stores in 22 states, offers shoppers the assistance of store stylists, trend experts trained in styling for body type to "help moms find fashion that flatters and celebrates their personalities," according to press information.

Elgin Park Brew Pub targets July opening

Tulsa World (OK) - June 6, 2016

Eric Marshall and Elliot Nelson met recently to check the construction progress of their new Elgin Park Brew Pub across the street from ONEOK Field. Marshall is co-owner of Tulsa's Marshall Brewing Co., and Nelson is head of the McNellie's Group of restaurants and properties. Though the 8,400-square-foot space, the former Gates Hardware Building, 216 N. Elgin Ave., still has the appearance of a full-blown construction site, the pair remained optimistic about an opening date.

Franciscan Villa receives bronze award for dedication to quality care

Tulsa World (OK) - June 6, 2016

Franciscan Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation and Franciscan Villa Assisted Living are both 2016 recipients of the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award for their dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care. The award is the first of three distinctions possible through the National Quality Award Program, presented by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), the leading association for long term and post-acute care. The program honors providers across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to improving quality of care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Resolute Engineering to hire 45 for Quality Jobs program

Tulsa World (OK) - June 4, 2016

A Tulsa-based engineering company pledged to create 45 new jobs to be eligible for Oklahoma tax incentives, according to an announcement Friday by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Resolute Engineering LLC could be eligible for just over a \$1 million in income tax rebates if it creates 45 jobs under the state's Quality Jobs program. The downtown Tulsa engineering firm specializes in oil and gas related projects.

Magellan Midstream announces infrastructure expansion for joint venture Seabrook Logistics

Tulsa World (OK) - June 1, 2016

Magellan Midstream Partners announced Tuesday plans for expanding its presence in the Houston Gulf Coast area through a joint venture with Belgium's LBC Tank Terminals. The Tulsa-based energy company and LBC have entered into a letter of intent for Seabrook Logistics LLC, which is owned 50/50 by Magellan and LBC, to expand its crude oil and condensate storage, marine capacity and pipeline infrastructure in the Gulf area.

Layoffs, Closings, Downsizes, Restructures

Table Talk: S&J Oyster Co. in Blue Dome District closes

Tulsa World (OK) - June 3, 2016

The effort to revive one of Tulsa's most revered restaurants, S&J Oyster Co., has ended. The restaurant officially closed this week. The restaurant space, located at 308 E. First St. on the ground floor of First Street Lofts, is for lease, according to building owner Michael Sager.

D&L Oil Tools announces second round of layoffs this year

Tulsa World (OK) - June 1, 2016

D&L Oil Tools announced Tuesday that it is laying off 53 employees, a workforce reduction of approximately 20 percent for the Tulsa-based company that designs, manufactures and assembles down-hole equipment for service companies in domestic and international markets. The layoffs are effective immediately and are a result of the ongoing declining price of oil and its effect on the company's revenue projections, according to a statement issued by D&L.

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Comparative Unemployment Rates

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2016 May	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.7
2015 May	4.2	4.4	4.5	5.5

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