

April-May-June, 2019

Spotlight on the Market

Study shows Muscogee (Creek) Nation has \$1 billion-plus national economic impact

Tulsa World - June 27, 2019

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation supports 8,700 jobs and contributes more than \$1.4 billion a year to the national economy, according to the tribe's first-ever large scale economic impact study, released Wednesday morning. In Oklahoma alone, the tribe's economic impact in 2017 reached \$866 million, including \$12 million provided to state and local education programs and \$7.6 million for roads, bridges and other infrastructure, the tribe said.

Tulsa Technology Center celebrates opening of new training center

Tulsa World - June 26, 2019

Tulsa Technology Center celebrated the opening of its new Industry Training Center on Wednesday. The facility is on its Lemley Memorial Campus, 3420 S. Memorial Drive, and will allow for industry- and company-specific workforce training in an effort to attract new companies and foster growth opportunities for local businesses.

Tulsa Historical Society wins national award

Tulsa World - June 18, 2019

The Tulsa Historical Society & Museum's current exhibit, "Transmitting Tulsa: On Screen and Over the Airwaves," has been chosen for an Award of Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History.

Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation to build retail complex to complement Mother Road Market

Tulsa World - June 15, 2019

Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation announced Friday that it will be building a new retail complex just north of the \$5.5 million food hall the nonprofit opened in November. The \$1.5 million Shops at Mother Road Market, to be located on the southwest corner of South Lewis Avenue and 11th Street, will feature five retail spaces occupied by a blend of new and established local concepts.

Pair of architecture firms to lead \$75 million redesign of Gilcrease Museum

Tulsa World - June 12, 2019

The renovation and expansion of the Gilcrease Museum will be designed by a pair of architecture firms that know each other well. SmithGroup, a national firm whose work includes designing the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and 1Architecture of Tulsa have been selected as the architects for the \$65 million Vision Tulsa project, the city of Tulsa announced.

Tulsa World and its weekly newspapers win 32 awards from Oklahoma Press Association

Tulsa World - June 10, 2019

The Tulsa World and its Oklahoma Weekly Group – which publishes the Owasso Reporter, Skiatook Journal, Sand Springs Leader and Wagoner County American-Tribune – collected 32 awards from the Oklahoma Press Association.

ONEOK to donate \$1 million for disaster relief efforts

Tulsa World - June 7, 2019

ONEOK announced on Thursday that it, along with the ONEOK Foundation, will contribute a total of \$1 million for eastern Oklahoma disaster and flood relief efforts. Included is an immediate donation of \$500,000 to the American Red Cross.

Pop-up school for black entrepreneurs coming to Tulsa in July

Tulsa World - June 7, 2019

A national initiative to train African-American entrepreneurs is coming to Tulsa this summer. The Black up-

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Start, a pop-up school based in the Washington, D.C., area, will host "Black Wall Street: Tulsa Edition" on three consecutive weekends in July at a site to be determined, said Rose Washington, executive director of the Tulsa Economic Development Corp.

Cox Charities donates more than \$77,000 in grants to area schools

Tulsa World - June 5, 2019

Cox Communications is awarding more than \$77,000 to Tulsa-area schools through Cox Charities Innovation in Education grants. The program provides grants of up to \$10,000 each to schools to fund classroom programs and curriculum that encourage and promote students' academic success and enhance the educational experience.

Standing out in crowd: Business start-ups get boost with Kiva Tulsa

Tulsa World - May 29, 2019

Kiva is an international micro-financing platform. People can help expand business in Tulsa by choosing an entrepreneur they want to support with a loan of \$25 or more. Individual loans of \$25 or more are collected until the borrower's full loan request is "crowd-funded." Since the program began in Tulsa in September 2017, Kiva Tulsa has distributed 55 loans with a repayment rate just above 96 percent.

Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation grant to bring StitchCrew business accelerator to Tulsa

Tulsa World - May 22, 2019

The Tulsa-based Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation (LTFF) and Oklahoma City-based StitchCrew announced a new partnership Wednesday. With a new \$50,000 grant from LTFF, StitchCrew will launch a Tulsa-based batch of its business accelerator model at 36 Degrees North, 36 E. Cameron St., in the fall of 2019. The 12-week accelerator helps people conceive, design and scale ventures.

A poppin' place: Investment bearing fruit on Cherry Street

Tulsa World - May 19, 2019

Duane Phillips stood in the middle of a construction site near 15th Street, surrounded by pallets and hard hats and heavy machinery. Owner of Oak Properties LLC, he is in the midst of building a \$9 million project called 1515 Cherry Street and The Lofts at 1515, a 28,000-square-foot development that will include retail, restaurants and apartments.

Tulsa Habitat for Humanity to construct its first multifamily development

Tulsa World - May 18, 2019

Tulsa Habitat for Humanity is set to begin construction on its first multifamily development later this year. Whittier Villas, a nearly \$7 million project, will be a 29-unit town home community on the northwest corner of North Lewis Avenue and Admiral Place, on the site of the former Whittier Elementary School.

Gathering Place named finalist in Urban Land Institute's 2019 Global Awards for Excellence competition

Tulsa World - May 16, 2019

Gathering Place is among the world's 19 finalists for the Urban Land Institute's 2019 Global Awards for Excellence competition, which is widely recognized as one of the real estate industry's most prestigious award programs. Developed by the George Kaiser Family Foundation, the 66.5-acre park opened in Tulsa in September.

\$9 million renovation and expansion of Greenwood Cultural Center announced, coincides with Tulsa Race Massacre centennial

Tulsa World - May 10, 2019

Plans for a \$9 million renovation and expansion of the Greenwood Cultural Center to coincide with the centennial of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre were unveiled Thursday night at the center. The project, a collaboration of the Race Massacre Centennial Commission, the John Hope Franklin Center of Reconciliation and the Greenwood Cultural Center, includes a reconfiguration of the existing facility and the addition of a museum, administrative offices and a gift shop.

Small-business growth program made more accessible with change in Oklahoma law

Tulsa World - April 30, 2019

Officials with the Tulsa Regional Chamber are hopeful that a reworked version of a small-business growth tool will spur more participation in the program. House Bill 2536, by Rep. Meloyde Blancett, D-Tulsa, is an expansion of the Small Employer Quality Jobs program to help bolster an underused program. The program covers up to 5% of payroll for qualifying small businesses for up to seven years. By covering 5% of payroll, the program allows small businesses to add new, good-paying jobs with lowered risk.

Expanding its reach: \$3.1 million federal grant will let Tulsa Educare partner with more home child-care centers

Tulsa World - April 13, 2019

A federal grant of \$3.1 million has been awarded to Tulsa Educare to help amplify educational services at home child-care centers in north Tulsa.

Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions

WPX investing \$100 million in new 11-story downtown Tulsa headquarters

Tulsa World - June 29, 2019

WPX Energy unveiled plans to build a new headquarters in downtown Tulsa on Friday. The 11-story, 260,000-square-foot tower will be built on the block of property where the old Spaghetti Warehouse is located. Construction is expected to begin in 2020 and wrap up in 2022.

Claremore's HydroHoist, Minnesota-based ShoreMaster merge to form largest dock, boat lift company in North America

Tulsa World - June 26, 2019

Claremore-based boat lift maker HydroHoist Marine Group Inc. and Minnesota-based ShoreMaster LLC have merged to form the largest dock and boat lift company in North America. The transaction expands to more than 700 the company's dealer network. Founded in 1964, HydroHoist also oversees RotoMoldUSA, a plastics manufacturer, and HyPower, a marine power pedestal division.

Alliance Resources Partners, L.P. announces pact to acquire Permian Basin oil and gas mineral interests

Tulsa World - June 24, 2019

Tulsa-based Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. announced Monday that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire oil and gas mineral interests from Wing Resources, LLC and Wing Resources II, LLC (collectively Wing) for \$145 million in cash.

Bhow family adds to vibe to East Village with new tenants, groundbreaking of mixed-use project

Tulsa World - June 22, 2019

Developers Neal Bhow and his son, Shaun, celebrated two things Friday: the announcement of the first tenants in the refurbished Hartford Building, 110 S. Hartford Ave., and the groundbreaking of an adjacent 50-unit, mixed-use project called 111 Greenwood. Clarion Events, formerly PennWell, is moving at least 130 employees into a 24,500-square-foot space, and co-working space The HQ Tulsa will occupy 10,800 square feet, with both leases on the second floor.

Alfa Laval celebrates expansion of heat-transfer manufacturing plant in Broken Arrow

Tulsa World - June 21, 2019

BROKEN ARROW — A Sweden-based manufacturer on Thursday made Broken Arrow part of a \$50 million nationwide expansion in three cities. Alfa Laval, a global leader in heat transfer, separation and fluid-handling technologies, celebrated the grand opening of a spiral heat exchanger manufacturing center in Broken Arrow, where the company employs 260 people, according to Jo Vanhoren, president of Alfa Laval, North America.

Chamber restaurant in the Tulsa Club Hotel set to open June 22

Tulsa World - June 15, 2019

Chamber, the restaurant in the 2-month-old Tulsa Club Hotel, is taking reservations for its grand opening Saturday, June 22. The restaurant is the last big piece of the \$36 million renovation of the revered Tulsa Club building that became the centerpiece of big oil and polite society after it opened in 1927.

Google investment in Pryor reaches \$3 billion with new expansion

Tulsa World - June 14, 2019

Google again has dug in its heels in Pryor. An estimated crowd of 150 people turned out Thursday to watch the California-based internet services firm announce a \$600 million expansion of its data center at the MidAmerica Industrial Park, pushing to \$3 billion its total investment in Mayes County.

Longtime Tulsa oil services company Sercel-GRC relocates to new facility

Tulsa World - June 12, 2019

An oil services company with 68 patents to its credit on Wednesday re-established its nearly century-old footprint in Tulsa. Sercel-GRC celebrated moving into a more than \$1 million renovation of a facility at 13914 Admiral Place, Suite B.

AAON Inc. expands store presence with new outlet

Tulsa World - June 6, 2019

Local manufacturer AAON Inc. has opened a second HVAC parts and supply store in Tulsa. AAON Parts & Supply, 9528, E. 51st St., offers replacement parts for AAON equipment and for any HVAC manufacturer's system. It features 6,500 square feet of retail space and 10,000 square feet of warehouse space.

New Cherokee Casino Tahlequah unveiled

Tulsa World - May 16, 2019

TAHLEQUAH — Officials on Thursday celebrated the opening of Cherokee Casino Tahlequah.

The 92,000-square-foot facility is nearly five times the size of the previous center. The expanded gaming floor offers more than 500 electronic games. The casino also is home to Tahlequah's live music venue, Ancient Oak

Tavern, which offers a full-service bar and a stage.

SemCAMS Midstream announces partnership to build Canadian liquids pipeline

Tulsa World - May 15, 2019

SemCAMS Midstream and Keyera Corp. announced plans this week to build a natural gas liquids and condensate pipeline system in Canada. SemCAMS Midstream is a subsidiary of SemGroup, a Tulsa-based midstream company. The new pipeline system will connect the Montney and Duvernay production areas of northwestern Alberta to the fractionation and condensate hubs in Fort Saskatchewan and provide producers additional and alternative transportation solutions to meet growing needs

Tulsa-based ConsumerAffairs wants to add hundreds of jobs in next two years

Tulsa World - May 10, 2019

Tulsa digital media company ConsumerAffairs plans to hire as many as 500 people over the next two years, CEO Zac Carman said. Ultimately, Carman said, the company will need to hire about 3,000 people to accommodate its expansion.

Breaking ground: Milo's Tea Co. invests \$60 million in new production plant in Cherokee Industrial Park extension

Tulsa World - May 9, 2019

The Cherokee Industrial Park area has added another trophy to its case. Officials at a news conference Wednesday heralded the arrival of Alabama-based Milo's Tea Co., which is spending \$60 million to build a production facility in an extension of the park just east of the Macy's Fulfillment Center.

WinCo Foods eyes 2020 opening in Tulsa

Tulsa World - May 4, 2019

Discount grocer WinCo Foods is targeting early spring 2020 for the opening of its first store in Tulsa, a company spokesman said. Construction fencing should be up by early next week for the site in the Crossing Oaks Shopping Center, which is at the southwest corner of 71st Street and Memorial Drive, WinCo spokesman Noah Fleisher wrote in an email.

ONEOK to construct \$100 million pipeline in North Dakota

Tulsa World - April 25, 2019

ONEOK on Thursday announced plans to invest nearly \$100 million to construct a 75-mile natural gas liquids pipeline lateral on the northern portion of its Bakken NGL pipeline.

Officials dedicate new MST manufacturing facility in Claremore

Tulsa World - April 6, 2019

CLAREMORE — Local, area and state leaders celebrated the dedication of an MST Manufacturing building at a ceremony Friday. The new business adds 100 quality jobs and a capital investment of at least \$5 million. MST Manufacturing is owned by Kenneth Statton, who founded his first machine shop with his father more than a quarter century ago. The Statton Group grew from a garage-based startup to serving aerospace industry leaders such as Boeing, NORDAM and Spirit AeroSystems. The firm later launched M&M Manufacturing, which grew to more than 70 professionals.

Comparative Unemployment Rates

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

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2019 May	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.4
2018 May	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6

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