

# Good News

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# Oklahoma

## State Headlines

### State's Economy Continues To Rebound – Oklahoman

Oklahoma took in more state revenue in April than it did in the same month last year as the state's economy continued to show signs of a rebound. The state's gross receipts for April were about \$1.2 billion, up \$34.1 million, or 2.9%, compared to April 2016. This is the third time in the last four months that state tax collections have grown.

### Canadian County Fastest Growing In State – Oklahoman

Canadian County was the state's fastest growing county last year, continuing a years' long trend of rapid growth. Piedmont was the County's fastest growing city. New residents said they moved to the town for its open spaces and small-town feel.

### Company To Add 160 Jobs In Durant – Oklahoman

WebstaurantStore is adding 160 new jobs and a new point of distribution in Durant. The company is the largest online supplier of food service equipment and supplies. Hiring is expected to begin this spring.

## Regional Headlines

### Amazon Sorting Center Coming To OKC – Oklahoman

Amazon is building a sorting center in Oklahoma City. Work on the \$3 million project at SW 15 and Council is underway. Employees for the facility will sort packaged customer orders for faster and expanded delivery options. The company anticipates hundreds of new jobs.

### Tulsa Area Housing Starts Jump In April – Tulsa World

Area housing construction grew again in April, rising by 12.3% over last year. April home starts were 247, an increase from 220 in April 2016. It represents the third straight month that new construction has logged double-digit percentage gains over the previous year.

### Grove High School Earns Honors – Grand Lake News

Grove High School earned national accolades from the U.S. News & World Report. The publication released the 2017 Best High School rankings and Grove earned the No. 30 spot. Forty-one schools in Oklahoma received national ranking.

### WinCo To Open Moore Grocery – Oklahoman

WinCo Foods is opening their first area store in Moore near SW 19 and Telephone Rd. The store is hiring more than 100 employees from the local area. The chain plans additional stores in Oklahoma City and Midwest City during the coming year.

### Tourism Sparks Renaissance – Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise

The Pioneer Woman Mercantile has sparked a revitalization in downtown Pawhuska with more than 12,000 visitors per day. People from every state and 30+ countries have visited The Mercantile since it opened. But they also visiting other area retailers, the Tallgrass Prairie, Osage Nation Museum, Woolaroc and other places of interest. In addition to tourism, movie scouts are coming to Osage and Washington counties to look for locations.

### Enid Property Rezoned For Residential Development – Enid News

Property in Enid near North Oakwood and Perdue just west of the Tara Estates subdivision has been rezoned for residential development. The new development will include single family homes and a walking trail.

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