

Employee Solutions acquires Broken Arrow firm Employee Solutions has acquired Bridge Employment Services of Broken Arrow. The office will remain at 824 N. Sycamore Ave. in Broken Arrow, and Judi Moore will serve as operations manager for the office, which is staffed by four employees. This will be the third Oklahoma office for Employee Solutions, which already has offices in Tulsa and Muskogee. Its Tulsa office opened in mid-2013, while the Muskogee office opened in early 2014. Ray Roberson, CEO and co-founder of Bridge Employment Services, has been named regional sales manager for Oklahoma. Before starting Bridge Employment Services in 2007, Roberson was vice president for Personnel Consultants and was an executive with Express Personnel Services. Employee Solutions, started in 1997, is one of the largest staffing companies serving Texas and Oklahoma.

Economic Outlook Conference set for Dec. 11 The Economic Outlook Conference will be 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. Dec. 11 at Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 6808 S. 107th East Ave. Scott Colbert, chief economist and director of fixed income for Commerce Bank, will be the keynote speaker. The Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University and the Tulsa Regional Chamber partner to present the conference, which helps inform Tulsa-area business leaders of economic indicators that could impact business performance in the year ahead. State and local experts will discuss local happenings, national issues and global circumstances. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Doors open at 7 a.m, and preregistration is required. Visit [tulsachamber.com](http://tulsachamber.com) and go to the events page. New Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce chair named Wes Smithwick was elected to be the 2015 chairman of the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Executives and will replace 2014 chair Debra Burch of the Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce. Smithwick, current president of both the Broken Arrow Area Chamber of Commerce and the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation, previously served as chief operating officer of the Broken Arrow School District, and has held leadership positions at several telecommunications companies, including AT&T. The Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Executives is a statewide organization for chamber professionals dedicated to the professional development of its members and to the chamber of commerce profession throughout Oklahoma.

JA Business Success Series slated for Dec. 2 Junior Achievement of Oklahoma will host

its next Business Success Series luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 2

at Tulsa Marriott Hotel Southern Hills, 1902 E. 71st St. The event, presented by

Regent Bank, will feature a panel discussion by local education and business leaders, including

Howard Barnett, president of Oklahoma State University-Tulsa; Phil Marshall, vice president and general manager

of NORDAM; Wes Mitchell, director of data services for Hewlett-Packard; and Jeff Wilson, chief

technology officer for T.D. Williamson Inc. The panel will take a closer look at

“Strategic Solutions to the Workforce Skills Gap.” These organizations are focused on workforce needs

and are taking steps to close the gap, especially in the areas of science,

technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Tickets must be purchased in advance. Table sponsorships of

eight seats are available for \$250 and individual seats are available for \$35. For

more information, call 918-663-2158. Tulsa-based TouchStar joins Verizon Partner Program Tulsa-based TouchStar

provider of logistics enterprise and mobility software solutions, has joined the Verizon Partner Program.

As a member of the Verizon Partner Program, TouchStar can leverage the power of

Verizon’s wireless network, as well as Verizon’s full range of secure mobility, cloud, strategic

networking and advanced communications platforms, to help open new opportunities for innovation, investment and

business transformation for its customers. As a member of Verizon’s Partner Program, businesses share

their expertise and solutions within a network of companies nationwide who are using Verizon’s

wireless network to enhance businesses practices and create innovative solutions for various industries. Through

its FleetAtlas Framework, TouchStar offers an array of telematics, fleet management and mobile workforce

management solutions to multiple industries, including field service, oil and gas, transportation and consumer

goods industries. TouchStar also has technology and support offices in Canada, Australia, New Zealand,

Austria and Germany. Creek Nation, USDA create conservation district The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and

the U.S. Department of Agriculture have created a new conservation district that will help

the tribe manage natural resources, secure assistance for conservation projects and encourage tribal members

to own and operate agricultural land. Last week, Principal Chief George Tiger and USDA

Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Butch Blazer met in the tribe's capital city to officially designate the new Muscogee (Creek) Nation Natural Resource Conservation District. As one of 45 Tribal Conservation Districts across the U.S., this newest district provides an organization for USDA and the tribe to work together. The local leadership through tribal districts will help guide and bring USDA programs to tribal lands. The conservation district was created in late 2013 through tribal legislation. [Subscribe to Daily Headlines](#) [Sign up!](#) \* I understand and agree that registration on or use of this site constitutes agreement to its [user agreement](#) and [privacy policy](#).