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The Martens Companies was named one of ten finalists for the **Small Business Awards** presented by the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. This annual program recognizes small businesses for their achievements and contributions to the Wichita community and gives them opportunity to showcase their company. The 12th Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon will be held on May 11 in the Hyatt Regency Wichita Ballroom where they will announce two Small Businesses of the Year for 2016. **"We were elated to be nominated and are thrilled to have been chosen to be a finalist,"** said Steve Martens, President of The Martens Companies.

Pictured L to R: Wichita Chamber of Commerce Chairman Barry Schwan presenting the finalist recognition to Steve Martens and Stacie Brooks from The Martens Companies.

Westar Energy has completed the purchase of 19 acres of land near 40th Street North and Webb Road where it plans to build a new service center facility. Ground-breaking is planned for late 2016 or early 2017.

Stoney Pointe, located on East 29th Street, has completed the construction of 102 units and has another 200 units under construction which will be completed by the end of this summer. When completed, the Michigan-based Edward Rose Development Co. will have a total of 480 units in Wichita. The one-bedroom apartments in Stoney Pointe are 715 to 820 SF and the two-bedroom units are 900 to 1,000 SF.



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Later this spring, two new retailers will open in **Towne East Square** located at Kellogg and Rock Road. **Piercing Pagoda**, an ear-piercing shop, is expected to be located on the lower level. **Samuels Jewelers** will also be located on the lower level, near the food court.

The second location of **Wichita Hearing Group** has opened near Central and Woodlawn. Owner Jesse Hidalgo opened the 1,300 SF east location to accommodate patients that could not make the drive to his original clinic on Maple and Maize Road.

Wichita consulting firm **BalancedComp** will be moving into a 2,700 SF space on the 14th floor of the **125 N. Market** building downtown. "If we wanted to grow, we just had to get a larger space" says owner Christie Summervill. The company, which provides salary and compensation consulting services, has signed a 38-month lease for the space. Patrick Ahern and Kris Wessel of **NAI Martens** represented the BalancedComp in the deal.

The former Big Dog Motorcycles building at **1520 E. Douglas** is basically 100% leased after R.D. Wood, his wife, B.J. and their son Zach, purchased the 60,000-square-foot space last year. Tenants include: family-owned **Builders Plus Construction**, who completed their lease deal this month, **Fit Body Boot Camp**, already operating in almost 3,000 square feet and **Fisher's Transmissions**. **NAI Martens** associate Kris Wessel represented the client in the acquisition and has handled leasing at the space.

Pictured L to R: Kris Wessel, B.J. Wood, R.D Wood, Zach Wood.



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Wichita has gained a new **Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy Store** at The Plazzio development at 13th and Greenwich. The new store is approximately 6,000 SF and has an upscale atmosphere with a Fresh Market, seating for about 80 people and a double drive-through. The grand opening celebration will be April 11 to 17 with a drawing for gift cards.



NAI Martens Associate **Grant Glasgow** finalized the sale of 25.5 acres of development land at the corner of 63rd & Rock Road in Derby. **Wesley Medical Center** will start construction of an 11,000 SF freestanding emergency facility that will include 11 emergency room beds, imaging capabilities and an on-site laboratory. "It's the same expert care we deliver throughout the region, but in a more convenient setting for many" says Bill Voloch, Wesley's president and CEO.



Meter Engineers, a company that makes metering devices for petroleum pipelines, is relocating its operations to Kechi. They plan to build multiple facilities totaling 90,000 square feet near the northeast corner where K-254 and Woodlawn intersect. Evans Building Co. Inc. is the general contractor and Baughman Co. is providing the engineering services for the \$8.75 million project.



Greenwich Road corridor between and 21st Street and K-96 continues to grow as new stores open in the **Village at Greenwich** development. **All Paws Pet Center** opened in early March in the same building where **Dickey's Barbecue Pit** also will be opening. In the next month there will be more openings including: Salon Aspire, Twisted Stitch Boutique, Edible Arrangements, Meddys Mediterranean Restaurant and Mattress Hub.

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