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Cowley College is consolidating its two Wichita facilities into a new, larger space downtown. Troy Farha, Jeff Englert and Nathan Farha of NAI Martens represented the landlord. Rama Peroo, Cowley's director of public relations, says the college will gain not only space but also visibility by moving downtown. The 8,500-square foot center will offer services related to enrollment, financial aid, transcripts and placement testing. The site will include a computer lab and room for classes, and the college's online team.



Qdoba Mexican Grill opened this May on the southeast corner of Central and Rock Road. Denver-based Qdoba, which debuted in 1992, has about 600 restaurants nationally.

A grant from the Knight Foundation Fund is creating a pop-up park in the empty lot along Douglas Avenue between Main and Market. "We're still pushing that we'll have that park operational this summer," says Jeff Fluhr, president of Wichita Downtown Development.



DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers had an open house to show their new 7,500-square-foot office located at 3421 N. Toben St., near Highway K-96 and Webb Road. Commerce Construction Services Inc. was the general contractor, Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture designed the space, and it Kanza Bank provided the financing.

QuikTrip is paying to move this 1902 Victorian home at 715 N. Topeka near where it plans to build one of its "Gen-3" stores. The Historic Preservation Alliance hasn't decided where to put the house yet, but QuikTrip will pay to build the new foundation, too. The Tulsa, Oklahoma based company plans to build a 5,700 square feet replacement for its store at 731 N. Broadway, a site that is near Murdock and Broadway. Spokesman Mike Thornbrugh says "To us, it's not only good business. It's just the right thing to do."



B&B Airparts is expanding their building to include a 44,000-square-foot space. Owner Dan Barnard states that their employee count will increase from 95 to as many as 150 in the next year driven by the work his company is doing for Honda Aircraft Co.'s HondaJet.

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LifeChurch.tv is building a 41,809 square foot facility at 338 N. 127th Street East. Work is expected to be completed by the end of this year. The new facility will be one of 24 across the country.

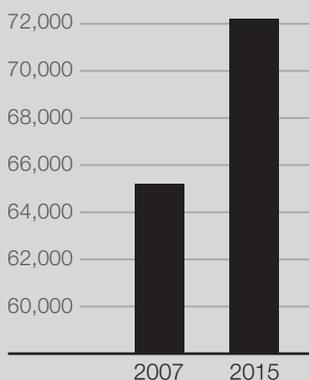
Wichita Endocrinology has opened in 1,800 square foot space at 1515 S. Clifton next to the Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph. Pediatric endocrinologist Dee Spade says the main focus of the practice will be diabetes education.

Personal trainer John C. Daily signed a lease for a space at 3216 S. Turnpike Drive. He opened **CornerStone Barbell**, a workout facility that will specialize in power lifting, team fitness competitions and classes. The setting will be smaller than conventional gyms and trainers will have more interactions with members.

The Associated Press reports that **Union Pacific** has plans to invest \$120 million in projects in the state of Kansas. Most of the funds will go to maintaining railroad tracks, but there are also plans to improve signal systems and maintain or replace some bridges.



Occidental Management President Chad Stafford and CEO Gary L. Oborny, took a quick break at the NAI Global booth at the Las Vegas RECon. A global convention for the shopping center industry that provides networking, deal making and educational opportunities for retail real estate professionals from around the world. NAI Martens brokers Nathan Farha and Troy Farha were also in attendance.



According to a report from American Express, the number of businesses owned by women continues to grow in the state of Kansas. Between 2007 and 2015, women-owned firms in Kansas have grown from **65,180** to **72,200**

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A&W has a new location on the east side of Wichita. This May, Eric Estes opened the second A&W in Wichita, a joint restaurant with Long John Silver's. The store is located at 547 S. Rock Road, near the southwest corner of Kellogg and Rock Road. The original Wichita location is in front of Lowe's on Maize Road, it opened about year ago and ever since then Estes said he had "a lot of requests" from people to open a east side location.

A new **Meineke Car Care Center** at the southwest corner of Central and Washington is now open. The 6,000 square-foot downtown location has nine service bays and can do "complete car care" owner Ryan Blasdel says.

The former Home Town Buffet space on **West Central, just east of Ridge Road**, is getting a whole new look. Dan Dopps isn't sharing any specific details yet, but said he will be turning the restaurant space into retail. He stated that they will be splitting the building's 13,000 square feet into four spaces, three of which are already leased. Dopps mentioned he is open to having community events in the parking lot and allowing sales, such as garden items or Christmas trees, there as well.

Bob Morris has opened the first **Christian Brothers Automotive** franchise in Wichita. The upscale shop is located at 1302 N. Woodlawn and offers full service automotive repair, but no paint or body jobs. Right now, they have a total of six employees and Morris hopes to add more as the business grows. "It's just a great place to be a good businessman and show honesty and integrity" says Morris. Christian Brothers Automotive, which is based in Houston, has more than 135 stores open in 18 states, and has plans to open another store on the west side of Wichita in the near future.

Pure Barre, a workout studio, will open this summer at the Waterfront. The franchise is being opened by Courtney Somes, "It's a total body workout that isolates each muscle group," she explains. Somes says she wants to make a point to be involved in the community, such as with local races. "I am looking forward to bringing it to Wichita, my family's hometown, and just creating a fun community," Somes says. "It's a very fun and uplifting environment."



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