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Milkfloat, a dessert restaurant, is opening this fall at **535 W. Douglas** in Delano. The shop will offer a menu of sweets including pies, cakes, tarts, fresh-baked cookies, brownies, hand-crafted sodas and coffee. Michigan pastry chef Kaitlyn Huber will head the kitchen. "Milkfloat is all about celebrating and setting a table for people to come together and share moments and meaningful conversations with loved ones, about creating a place that is joyful and happy and celebratory" said owner Cliff Bragg. The restaurant will have seating for about 60, and will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Hospitality Management, a division of the Martens Companies developed and will operate the new **Best Western Plus Norman**, in Norman, Oklahoma. The four-story, \$13 million, 116-room hotel employs 25 people. It includes seven extended-stay suites with kitchenettes, a 700-square-foot conference center, a fitness center, a heated outdoor pool, a grilling area and an electric car charging station. Wichita's Krehbiel Architecture and Conco Construction handled the design and construction of the project, using more than 20 contractors in Norman. This is Hospitality Management's third Best Western property and its fourth hotel overall.

Andrew Gough opened **Reverie Coffee Roasters** in 2013 at 2611 E. Douglas, he is now planning to move it to a new, bigger space and add an adjoining business: **Founders**, a bakery. "We are moving to the new location in order to be able to expand our offerings in a larger environment. We also want to make it appealing to a larger audience." The new location will be at **2202 E. Douglas**, and the building will be split into the two businesses. Founders Bakery will offer quick-prepared coffees and bakery items like croissants, scones and muffins. Reverie, will have more seating and will serve coffee, craft beer, wine, cocktails and a new brunch-type menu.



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Abengoa Bioenergy declared bankruptcy in February and is in the process of selling off assets. **ICM**, a Colwich-based ethanol research and development company, was the successful bidder for Abengoa's plant and property, which sits a few hundred yards east of the ICM offices. "The property is adjacent to our headquarters and we are in the business of supporting technology in the renewable energy and ag space. We see some possibilities in having ownership of the property and we'll be evaluating it over time" ICM President Chris Mitchell said.

Cincinnati-based **Buffalo Wings & Rings**, a family-oriented sports restaurant franchise, plans to open at least three Wichita locations. Construction is expected to start this fall on the first restaurant, with the other two locations to be determined later. Restaurants are typically about 6,000 SF, with seating for about 200 people. Company CEO Nader Masadeh says the Wichita sites will create new employment for 80 to 100 people.

Four developers have presented proposals to the City of Wichita for new construction on 7.2 acres of land in Delano. The four parties are: **Ruffin Cos.**, **Johnny Stevens**, **Delano Partners LLC** and **EPC Real Estate Group**. A city committee will review the proposals and invite the selected developers in for interviews. At this time the proposals are not public information. The winning project will be a mixed-use development, which means at least two stories with office space or apartments on upper floors; with retail, office and restaurant space on the first floor. The architecture will be compatible with the surrounding development with mostly on-street parking, a public greenway and a public plaza.



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A third **uBreakiFix** store will open in Wichita at The Village at Greenwich, on the northeast corner of 21st and Greenwich. The store will be 1,500 SF and specializes smartphone and tablet repairs. Business partners Bill Ramsey, Bryson Butts and David Hensley say they expect the store to open this fall. They opened a 1,400 SF uBreakiFix store at New Market Square in 2014 and another one at Derby Marketplace this spring.



Developers Mike Ladiwalla and Raju Sheth are proposing to convert the Commerce Plaza building downtown into a **Hilton Garden Inn** which they hope to open by the time March Madness comes to Wichita in 2018. The building located on the southeast corner of **Douglas and Topeka**, would be converted for hotel and retail use. They also plan to eliminate a current on-site parking lot to add on more rooms. The hotel is planned 130 guest rooms with meeting space, a restaurant and a roof-top bar. The first floor of the project would be set aside for retail shops. The project is expected to create between 75 and 100 jobs, Sheth said.



A new **Verizon Wireless** retail location is now open in a 2,130 SF space in Greenview Plaza located at **313 S. Greenwich Rd.** NAI Martens commercial advisors **Troy Farha and Nathan Farha** handled both sides of the deal.

Builders Inc. is developing a new 150-unit apartment community in west Wichita this month. **Central Bay Apartments** is on a 33-acre parcel along Central east of Ridge Road. The community will include one and two bedroom apartment units in eight buildings, a swimming pool, walking paths and a 19-acre lake. Builders Inc. Central Bay Apartments were designed by Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture and the project will be built by Simpson Construction.



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