

## GENERAL NEWS

**Boeing** was awarded a \$750 million contract for the modernization of the B-52 aircraft weapons system. Under the ESP contract, Boeing will maintain the fleet's readiness, handle and maintain the aircrafts' engineering data, conduct related analyses and tests, investigate deficiencies or field issues, provide in-flight emergency response support, and perform required hardware and software modernization and upgrade work. The contract will support approximately 150 jobs.

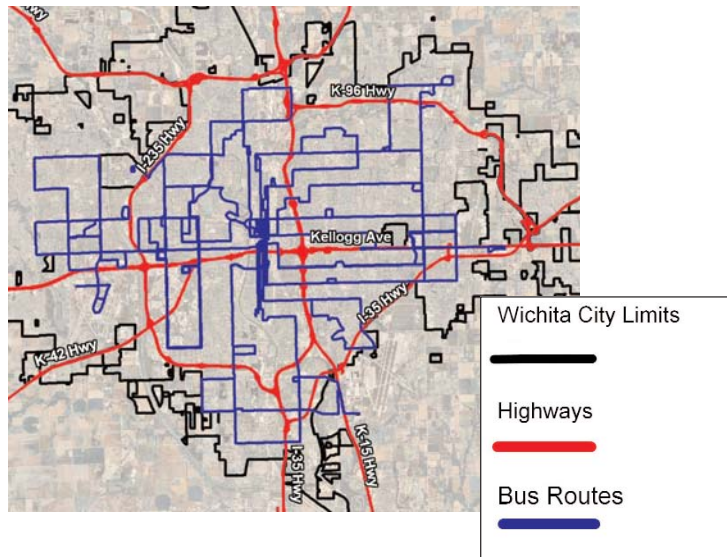
## MULTIFAMILY

Renovations to an apartment complex in the Delano District have added 18 units to the neighborhood. The **Harrison Apartments**, located at 125 S Seneca and built in 1925, received a new roof, plumbing, electricity and windows.

## OFFICE

**Rainbows United** closed on the sale of its 18,398 square-foot office building at 340 S. Broadway St. Rainbows will consolidate its operations to two facilities, Kids' Cove at 2258 N. Lakeway Cir. and Kids' Point at 3223 N. Oliver Ave.

City of Wichita Bus Routes



The City of Wichita bus system is vital part of the Wichita economy. One of the real estate search criteria for many businesses and social assistance organizations is to be located along a bus route. In Wichita, the buses routes total over 225 miles and each year carry over two million passengers.

Source: City of Wichita GIS Department, City of Wichita Transit Authority



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***Boot Hill Casino and Resort** opened in Dodge City on December 16, 2009. The 20,500 square-foot casino houses 584 slot machines and employs 265 individuals. It is the first U.S. casino with direct state oversight.*

## RETAIL

- **DTY Direct LLC**, short for direct to you, is a new online retailer of outdoor living products. The company will lease 38,000 square feet in the former Builders Square building at 9609 E. Kellogg Dr. Products such as patio furniture and grills will be featured on the company's website that will launch later this month.
- **Kobe Steak House of Japan** will open its third Wichita-area restaurant in March. The new location will be in the former Tokyo Steakhouse restaurant at 1221 N. Rock Rd. in Derby.
- **First Choice Credit Union** is planning to build a new branch at 199th Street West and Kellogg Avenue in Goddard. The 2,600 square-foot building will be the credit union's fourth branch.
- **Top China Buffet** will open in the former Monterrey Mexican Grill space at 3320 N. Rock Rd. The 5,500 square-foot restaurant is expected to open in February.
- The **Autoplex** at 3134 E. Douglas Ave, on the northwest corner of Douglas and Hillside, has closed. The business is merging with Hancock Automotive located around the corner at 145 N. Hillside St.
- **Zip's Car Wash** based out of Arkansas purchased the two QuikTrip Car Washes. The properties at 1500 S. Maize Rd. and 324 S. West St. are now operating under the new company.

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## INDUSTRIAL

- **Keystone Automotive Industries Inc.** is relocating from 1801 S. Mead St. to 3002 W. Pawnee St. The company, which distributes after-market auto body parts, will occupy 35,000 square feet in the new building. The new space offers a more efficient layout and 30-foot clear ceiling height.
- **Redbarn**, a California-based pet treat manufacturer, purchased the former Great Bend Packing plant. The Great Bend City Council and Barton County Commission each approved incentive packages to Redbarn. In exchange, Redbarn has agreed to be in production in six months, stay in Barton County for three years and create 175 jobs within two years. The company plans to relocate by mid February and close its California plant by mid April.

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