

COMMUNITY FEATURE

Tekamah, Nebraska • www.tekamah.net



A 9,780 square foot building in Tekamah is ready for occupancy! This building has 6,400 square feet of manufacturing area, 240 square feet of office space, and 3,360 square feet of warehouse. The building sits on 5.5 acres with parking area for 20+ vehicles. A great location for your business!

Riesa Construction recently took advantage of the quality of life when they expanded to Tekamah. Riesa builds food-grade stainless steel pipes and works primarily on piping, including prefabricated work and installation. Four employees have been hired and the company anticipates expanding to ten employees.

Tekamah, a city of approximately 1,800, is located in Burt County in northeast Nebraska and bordered on the east by the Missouri River. Tekamah is served by U.S. Highway 75 as well as a main line of the BNSF Railway Company. The Tekamah Municipal Airport has a 4,000-foot lighted, concrete runway, and commercial air service is just 35 miles south at Omaha's Eppley Airfield.

Tekamah is served electrically by Nebraska Public Power District and Aquila supplies the natural gas to the community. The municipal water system, supplied by five wells, has a maximum capacity of 2,300,000 gallons and the sewerage system has a daily capacity of 300,000 gallons. Qwest Communications and HunTel are the local exchange carriers in Tekamah.

An elementary school and a junior-senior high school are located in Tekamah. Northeast Community College and Wayne State College also serve the area. The Oakland Memorial Hospital, 14 miles northwest, and the Memorial Community Hospital in Blair, 16 miles south, serve the area. The Tekamah Nursing Center has a capacity of 55 beds.

Many recreational activities are available in Burt County. Boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, camping, and swimming are enjoyed at Summit Lake and Pelican Point State Recreation Areas. Burt County has excellent goose hunting along the Missouri River; a commercial pheasant hunting operation is also located in Burt County.

The Burt County Museum, containing articles depicting the ethnic heritage of the community, is housed in the historic Houston House. The Tekamah Area Arts Council and other art clubs and theatrical groups are also available in Burt County.

Visit sites.nppd.com to view the 56-page Burt County Facts Book or contact Patty Plugge, Burt County Economic Development Corporation at (402) 374-2953 or email her at beedc@hunte.net.



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House Factory in Central City Reopened



Source: Republican NonPareil

Wardcraft Homes purchased the Colorado Aspen Homes building located in Central City. This 160,000 square foot production facility will be Wardcraft's fourth plant. **"We've had a production facility in Minden, Nebraska, since 1992. The state of Nebraska has proven to be a great place to do business, and we look forward to opening this branch of Wardcraft Homes, Inc.,"** said Zach Jones, president of Wardcraft Homes.

"We can't imagine a better company than Wardcraft Homes coming to Central City. This is a real home run for us," said Mayor Clayton Erickson.

Wardcraft Homes builds custom homes in climate-controlled environments, using a systems method of construction that combines plant-built with on-site construction. The facility, served electrically by the city of Central City, is scheduled to be in production in fall 2007 with approximately 75 employees.

Technology Training Now Available in Aurora



Source: Aurora News-Register

An open house was held in June in Aurora to celebrate the newly completed Small and Emerging Business Information Technology Center at the Aurora Technology Center. Funded by USDA, Microsoft Corporation, and the Hamilton Community Foundation, the center provides central Nebraska with a technology setting conducive to computer learning. Hamilton County Information Technology Corporation, who manages the center, also provided in-kind matching funds towards the center. It is anticipated that 17 jobs within small and emerging area businesses will be created in the first year based on training offered by the center, which is served electrically by Nebraska Public Power District.

"More than 50 business owners have taken advantage of training functions in the new center and the interest continues to grow," stated Rick Goertzen, vice president of Hamilton County Information Technology Corporation. **"Our employers need information technology in order to remain competitive locally, regionally, and globally. Individuals need this computer training to meet the information technology skills the employers are seeking,"** stated Goertzen.



Double Expansion in South Sioux City



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A \$1.4 million investment allows Circle R Frame Aligners to expand into a new 11,000 square foot facility in South Sioux City allowing Side Dump Industries to remain in the 9,000 square foot building currently occupied by both companies, owned by Ralph and Oma Rogers. Side Dump Industries will add 20 employees and increase production to four trailers per day with the new \$600,000 robotic machinery.

“The biggest reason for the expansion is losing orders because we cannot produce our Side Dump Trailers fast enough to keep up with the increased demand for our product,” said Side Dump Industries President Ralph Rogers. “We have always enjoyed being in South Sioux City and are proud to expand here.”

Circle R Frame Aligners, founded in 1972 and served electrically by the City of South Sioux City, will open their new 11,000 square foot building along U.S. Highway 77 this fall. Circle R sells truck equipment, heavy equipment, side dumps and trailers, and performs truck and trailer repair. The company expects to add 10 new jobs during the next five years.

“I am amazed by the innovative genius and hard work that Ralph Rogers and his family have displayed over the years. I am pleased with yet another expansion announced for South Sioux City and Siouxland,” stated Bob Giese, mayor of South Sioux City.

15,000 Square Feet Added to CAMACO in Columbus



CAMACO, a manufacturer of automotive seat frames, recently added 15,000 square feet to their 266,000 square foot manufacturing building in Columbus. This new \$5 million addition will house a 1500 metric ton press and another \$3 million press will be added in the near future.

The Columbus plant, with more than 500 employees, operates multiple shifts producing more than 31,000 seat frames and 25,000 tubes daily that are shipped to 25 different locations. The company forecasts sales to double within one year. CAMACO is served electrically by Loup Power District.

Aurora Loan Services Expands into 175,000 Square Foot Facility in Scottsbluff



Aurora Loan Services in Scottsbluff recently moved into a new 175,000 square foot office complex across the street from Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff. All Nebraska operations will be under one roof in this new facility. The office complex is

designed to hold a 900-member workforce to allow for future expansion of the company.

This expansion was made possible by the state tax incentives from the Nebraska Advantage Act and economic development funds from the city of Scottsbluff. Nebraska Public Power District serves the building electrically.

Aurora Loan Services specializes in the origination of residential mortgage loans and maintains a diverse range of non-conforming programs to meet clients' needs nationwide.

Tower Manufacturer to Operate in Columbus



KATANA ground breaking July 30, 2007

KATANA Summit, LLC, a partnership of Sumitomo Corporation of Tokyo and KATANA Industries, Inc., of Ephrata, Washington, will manufacture tubular wind towers at the new Columbus location. The project will utilize 75 acres and more than 250,000 square feet of building space.

“I’m very happy to be here and to do business here,” Darrell Lehmann, president and CEO of KATANA Summit LLC said. “This area is geographically correct for manufacturing and distributing the tubular windmill towers we’ll be producing, and the business climate here in this town is just phenomenal for us.”

“There just are not many communities in the state that can compare to Columbus in its leadership in this area and the area of workforce development. KATANA coming here certainly furthers the commitment of the community and the state toward renewable fuels. This is a great partnership with our international friends, and we are excited that KATANA is here,” said Richard Baier, director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

“Today is a happy day. We’re excited to welcome Katana to town, and I would like to acknowledge everyone who worked so hard to make this possible,” said Neal Suess, president and CEO of Loup Power District, the electric supplier.

KATANA Industries operates a windmill tower manufacturing plant in Washington. Sumitomo Corporation, in existence for 400 years in Japan, operates a variety of ventures in several diverse industries including alternative energy, chemicals, construction, electronics, finance, media, metal products, mineral resources, real estate, and transportation.

The company's initial plans are to begin recruitment of 100–120 employees in fall 2007 with operations to begin in June 2008.

\$30 Million Organic Soybean Plant to Locate in South Sioux City



Specialty Protein Producers, LLC, has confirmed their plans to locate their \$30 million organic soybean production plant on 30 acres in South Sioux City's new business park. Construction of the 154,000 square foot plant will begin in fall 2007. The company will create 60 high-paying jobs during the first phase. Company officials expect to announce a major expansion within three to five years requiring an additional \$60 million in capital investment and 100 employees.

“We are thrilled to welcome another value added agricultural processing facility to South Sioux City,” said Mayor Bob Giese. “This company’s substantial capital investment, coupled with their aggressive hiring projections, is further evidence that our decision to secure land and provide infrastructure are sound investments for our community, our taxpayers, and our future.”

“We are very pleased to welcome this company to South Sioux City and the Roth Industrial Park. Specialty Protein Producers will be an outstanding addition to the exceptional food processing companies that already call South Sioux City home,” said Lance Hedquist, city administrator for South Sioux City.