

NI BUSINESS CONNECTIONS Article
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Industrial and Commercial Development Proceeds throughout the County

While residential activity has slowed, impressive commercial and industrial development is underway throughout DeKalb County.

In the Sycamore Prairie Business Park, several projects are under construction. Superior Industrial Equipment, a full service pump and blower distributor is building a new headquarters and warehouse at the corner of Afton and Thornwood Roads. Ample Supply Company, a distributor of industrial staplers and nailers, is grading the site of their new headquarters and distribution center on South Prairie Drive. Ample Supply is relocating their operations from Huntley.

Soon, two new buildings will commence construction on Thornwood Road. Ismail Construction Consultants will build a new headquarters and Combined Development of Hinsdale will construct a speculative industrial building.

The Sycamore Prairie Business Park is itself expanding. With Phase I nearly sold out, massive grading and earthwork is underway to prepare Phase II for development. New roadways will open direct access to Bethany Road and serve nine new industrial lots available for sale and development.

In the Sycamore Industrial Park on California Street Elgiloy, a specialized metal alloy manufacturer, has relocated its subsurface oil and gas well safety technology production operations. In addition, SK Express is expanding its operations for the production of electric wire assemblies, harnesses and other electro mechanical products for the heavy equipment industry.

Also in Sycamore, DeKalb Clinic has broken ground for its new \$16 million 70,000 square foot consolidated office building on Gateway Drive, across from Kishwaukee Community Hospital.

In DeKalb, Horizon Displays, a full service exhibit design, fabrication and marketing firm has completed its expansion on East Locust Street. Next door neighbor Nehring Electric is building a new headquarters and production facility on the northeast corner of East Locust and 10th Street. Nehring manufactures bare and insulated wire for the utility, telecommunication and electrical distribution markets.

On Harvestore Drive, Russ Smith Construction is developing a new building to house three businesses. Smith Specialized Heavy Hauling is a rigging and heavy

equipment mover, while Penske Fleet Maintenance and Brown Fleet Maintenance service truck tractors for nearby distribution centers.

Also in DeKalb, the Elliott Industrial Park is being developed on Route 38, west of Peace Road. In addition, ThermalShell Technologies has expanded its energy-efficient commercial wall panel production facility on 7th Street.

New industrial parks are also being developed in Genoa, Hinckley and Cortland. The Crossroads of Genoa Business Park on Route 23 and Derby Line Road can afford manufacturers and distributors freight rail service from the Canadian National Railroad. Weslan Corporate Center is being developed on Route 30 and East Sandwich Road in Hinckley. Also in Hinckley, Prairie View Plaza a new strip shopping center is under construction on Route 38. Cortland's new industrial park will be located on the east side of town, north of Route 38. Also in Cortland, Northern Pipeline, a subcontractor to natural gas companies will be expanding its operations.

In Sandwich, the 5-story, 65,000 square foot Waves of Fun Indoor Water Park is under construction adjacent to the recently-opened Timber Creek Best Western Suites Hotel and Convention Center. Also, Valley West Community Hospital is expanding to accommodate new surgery, OB and emergency room demands and Plano Molding is expanding production capacity for its plastic injection molding business.

In Waterman, Monsanto continues to expand its grain processing and warehousing operations while Waterman State Bank is nearing completion of its new building on Route 30.

The fact that a significant portion of this construction and industrial investment is devoted to manufacturing illustrates how significant and prosperous manufacturing is to DeKalb County.