

"QUALITY BY DESIGN"

Dura Plastics of Beaumont, California has chosen the Veltri building in Celina for its newest operation. The company, founded in 1962, manufactures and distributes about 2,800 different types of PVC piping components for golf, turf, industrial, pools & spas and irrigation applications. The company will begin operation around the first of the year with 20 employees.

Dura Plastics markets nationally and

internationally with a strong commitment to service, innovation and quality. and does business daily in dozens of countries around the world. The company operates six regional warehouses across the country. Among its many customers are several of the leading golf course designers in the United States. The company's slogan is "Quality by Design". Dura Plastics will be served by Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation. †



INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LOCATES IN DICKSON

Dickson County and Bavarian Polymers USA officials announced the purchase of the former Amhil Enterprises located in the Dickson County Industrial Park.

The company plans an initial investment of up to \$5 million. Bavarian Polymers USA, operates as an integrated company serving the North and Central American region with extruded U-PVC profile systems for the window and door industry. 100% of Bavarian Polymer's U.S. customers are located within 500 miles of

the Dickson facility. Company officials said the plant would initially employ up to 50 people when production is expected to begin this month, and quickly reach 115 employees during the first phase of the operation.

Bavarian Polymers is a privately-owned company and the Dickson facility is their first investment in the US. Bavarian Polymers has interest in companies in Mexico, Czech Republic and Germany.

Bavarian Polymers is the latest international company to locate in Dickson

County. Dickson County is home to six other foreign owned manufacturing companies. Japanese companies include: Sumiden Wire and Bridgestone APM. The Canadian companies are: Quebecor World, Fiesta Grills, and Metrican Stamping. Italy is represented by Teksid Aluminum Foundry. †

NISSAN HEADQUARTERS SELECTS FRANKLIN



Nissan North America, Inc. will move its corporate headquarters along with approximately 1,300 jobs to Franklin. The company will begin moving into temporary facilities in downtown Nashville starting next year, until the construction of its corporate headquarters building can be completed.

Nissan has a 5.4 million square foot manufacturing facility in Smyrna, which began production in 1983. The facility produces Nissan's Altima, Maxima, Frontier, Xterra and Pathfinder models and is consistently ranked by the Harbour Report auto industry benchmark study as one of North America's most productive auto plants. The company also operates a 1 million square foot engine and transmission manufacturing facility in Decherd, which began production in 1997. Together, the two plants employ more than 8,000 Tennesseans.

The jobs Nissan will bring to Tennessee range from executive to adminis-

trative, marketing, finance, communications and other corporate functions with an average salary in excess of \$80,000 annually. Economic analysis by University of Tennessee's Center for Business and Economic Research estimates the headquarters facility will produce an additional economic impact of more than \$500 million dollars annually to the Tennessee economy.

Nissan's decision marks the 17th corporate headquarters announcement in Tennessee since January 2003. "Corporations realize Tennessee lies at the crossroads of an information logistical network

that can allow them to be a part of the global economy," said ECD Commissioner Matt Kisber. "Add to that Tennessee's place among the top five business locations in the U.S. and you have a compelling argument to do business in Tennessee."

Nissan recently announced it sold more than 1.8 million vehicles worldwide during the first half of fiscal year 2005, an increase of 15% over the same period last year, resulting in a 12.1% increase in net revenue. Nissan will be served by Middle Tennessee Electric Corporation. †

PRESSING MATTERS IN COFFEE COUNTY

SEYI Presses officially celebrated the groundbreaking of its new manufacturing plant in the Coffee County Joint Industrial park.

SEYI Presses is the first tenant to locate in the Coffee County Joint Industrial Park. The plant will serve as a sales office, service center and final assembly/inspection facility for all presses sold in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. The Coffee County Joint Industrial Park is located adja-

cent to Highway 55, midway between the cities of Manchester and Tullahoma.

SEYI, a subsidiary of Shieh Yih Machinery Industrial Corporation, is the largest publicly traded press builder in Taiwan, selling presses in more than 40 countries around the world. SEYI will be served by Duck River Electric Membership Corporation. †



L-R: Ted Hackney, Executive Director, Industrial Board of Coffee County; Robin Cheng, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office Senior Consultant; Paul LaGrange, Assistant Commissioner, ECD; Bill Comer, Chairman, Industrial Board of Coffee County; Mayor Ray Johnson, Coffee County; Claire Kuo, SEYI President; Lanny Griffin, SEYI Vice President; Pete Sain, Sain Construction; Bill Johnson, Industrial Board of Coffee County; James McKenzie, Industrial Board of Coffee County

Cannon and Coffee— Win Win



L-R Sitting: Bill Boehm, Chairman & CEO, Connector; Bill Comer, Chairman, Industrial Board of Coffee County; Joe Klenk, President, Connector L-R Standing: Nathan Ward, ECD; Mayor Ray Johnson, Coffee County; Paul Smith, V.P. & General Mgr, Barfield; Terry Kimble, V.P. Mfg, Connector; Charles Smith, President, Barfield; Mayor Johnnie Brown, Manchester; Joe Claxton, ECD, and Bill Shuff, Executive Director, MTIDA

Barfield Manufacturing Company (BMC) announced plans to move from a 35,000 square foot building in Woodbury to a 65,000 square foot building in the Coffee County Industrial Park.

BMC is a fabricator of metal products, but specializes in aluminum. Their products are directed to the utility industry, fabricating pole line equipment mounts, enclosures for all utility needs and meter mounting devices.

BMC is a sister company to Connector Manufacturing Company which is headquartered in Ohio, with plants also in Alabama and Canada. BMC partnered with CMC in 2003. The philosophy of the companies is to provide only the highest quality products and

incorporate labor saving designs while utilizing the latest technology in production.

BMC, founded in 1972, employs 42 people in its Cannon County manufacturing plant, all employees plan to transfer to the new site, and the company could add jobs next year.

Global Industrial Components, Barfield's Woodbury neighbor, plans to buy the old building and double its space in Woodbury. Global, which employs 45 people, will add 15 to 20 jobs when it expands in January. Barfield will be served by Duck River Electric Membership Corporation†

Biodiesel Plant Coming to Midstate

A company called Agri Energy Management plans a biodiesel production facility in Lewisburg that eventually will encompass 20 plants with a capacity of 140 million gallons per year. The owners have purchased or have options on 41 acres in the Lewisburg Industrial Park and plans to begin construction with one

plant.

Biodiesel is a non-petroleum-based alternative fuel that can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel, and it is typically made from renewable resources such as soybean oil, animal fats or recycled restaurant grease. †

Frozen Food in 'Boro

Interstate Warehousing Inc. will open a 162,000 square foot refrigerated distribution center in Murfreesboro in 2006. The facility's opening will require initially hiring at least 37 employees, with the ultimate in future expansion pushing the employment to 100.

Construction on the warehouse, to be off Interstate 24

at the Joe B. Jackson interchange, will begin late this year. It will be the company's ninth center.

Interstate sells customized refrigeration, frozen storage and distribution services to food processors, retailers and members of the food service industry. The company is owned by Fort Wayne, Ind.-based Tippmann Group.†

Warren Steelers

Master Tool & Machine in Morrison will add 20 new jobs when their current expansion is completed. MT&M manufactures custom steel and metal products for industrial applications. No investment figures were given.

Morrison Tool & Fab announced a \$ 3.5 million expansion. The new 102,000 sq. ft. industrial building will provide about 100 new jobs when completed. MT&F manufactures structural steel for the building industry.

DICKSON ELECTRIC CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



Former Manager Ernest R. Brown and Present Manager James E. Peeler at celebration.

This year is indeed a memorable one for Dickson Electric. They celebrated their 100th Birthday in September. Approximately 1,500 people attended the celebration.

Dickson Electric is a public municipality serving Dickson, Hickman, Cheatham, Houston and Montgomery counties.

DES first power was generated by a 150-horsepower steam engine, fueled by oil, wood and later coal. The first coal was

\$1.00 per ton, delivered, and wood was \$.85 per cord. In 1923, they upgraded to two diesel 150-horsepower units with generators attached. Soon after, another diesel engine was purchased that rated 360-horsepower. In 1936, they purchased power for the first time from the Tennessee Valley Authority. They were the second town in the state to sign a contract with TVA and the third to start receiving service. They served 653 customers and had 50 miles of line that year. Annual power sales totaled approximately \$21,857. The average kilowatt usage was 568 and the plant value was \$60,315.

During this time, Dickson Electric was operated under the direction of the Mayor and Aldermen. The first power Board meeting was held on November 1, 1949. By 1959 there were

8,000 customers and a total of 1,100 miles of line. Today they serve a total of 31,631 customers, of which 26,767 are residential and 4,771 commercial. This past year total kilowatt hourly sales were \$845,786,874 and the average kilowatt usage per customer was 1,582.

DES is in the process of adding another substation. This will make a total of eight substations. The number of employees has grown to sixty-five. There have been three General Managers since DES's beginning: Clarence Dunagan 1947-1974; Ernest Brown 1974-1994; and James Peeler. Mr. Peeler was appointed General Manager in 1994, after serving 18 years as a lineman and 17 years as Supt. of Construction.!

Window of Opportunity for Hendersonville

Window manufacturer MGM Industries will expand its Hendersonville plant, adding more than one-third of the plant's current capacity.

It's the latest development for the 38-year old company, which has opened an on-site facility and has grown the product line in the past two years.

The 107,000 sq. ft. addition will

be used for production, inventory, and to house the company's shipping operation.

The expansion brings MGM's square footage to almost 400,000 sq. ft. on a 30-acre site just off Gallatin Road. MGM currently employs more than 150 people.

Founded in 1965, privately

owned MGM makes a full range of vinyl windows and doors both for construction and replacement use. The company's customer base is primarily individually owned lumberyards, millwork shops, and vinyl siding distributors.!

HAPPY NEW YEAR
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- Toronto-based DVD maker **Cinram International** has again expanded in the **Nashville** area. It has signed a permanent lease on a former Ingram Publishing distribution warehouse. The lease adds 530,000 sq. ft. of space to its operation in the area. Cinram started with space in Smyrna nearly two years ago and has since doubled it to more than 1 million square feet. The company employs more than 500 people.
- **Wei-Chuan USA, Inc.** the largest Asian food manufacturer in North America, initially is leasing 24,000 sq. ft. of space in **Goodlettsville's** Space Park North as phase one of their business plant. Wei-Chuan leaders continue to look for a 20 acre site on which to build a 110,000 sq. ft. facility. The company could employ as many as 350 people in the next 2-3 years.
- **Quality Industries** has more than doubled its workforce in the last eighteen months hitting the 600 employee mark in late fall. Quality Industries is located in **LaVergne**. They produce metal automotive stampings for Paccar (Peterbilt) as well as food service equipment for Yum! Brands (Pizza Hut, Burger King, Taco Bell).
- Program Management recently closed a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Industrial Loan in **Clay County**. The loan is to allow **FabCare International, LLC** to purchase the Osh Kosh facility along with needed equipment in Celina. FabCare International, LLC is a company that produces garment finishing and remedial work for the high-end garment industry. The company plans to hire 60 people.

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