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NEW AVIATION COMPANY SOARS

ACES—Aviation Consultant Expert Solutions, LLC—is a new firm taking flight in Sioux City. A maintenance repair operation unit serving regional and commuter passenger jets, ACES is fully certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The company handles scheduled and drop-in maintenance, FAA mandated checks, and airline-initiated modifications of passenger aircraft.

"ACES has helped to bring even more high quality jobs to Sioux City," says Councilmember Rhonda Capron. "This project provides a boost to Sioux Gateway Airport and offers tremendous potential for growth." The company has recruited 34 highly skilled positions and may add up to 50 employees.

ACES worked with the City of Sioux City, the Airport Board, and Jetsun Aviation to secure 36,000 sq. ft. of hangar and shop/office space. The firm also received city and state incentives through the Targeted Jobs Withholding Tax Credits Program.

ZIEGLER CAT EXPANDS

Agricultural and construction equipment dealer Ziegler Caterpillar (CAT®) plans a \$6 million expansion at its Sioux City facility in the Bridgeport Industrial Park. Ziegler will create 24,000 sq. ft. of new shop/warehouse space, along with parking and display areas. The firm will also add 10-20 skilled jobs to its current local workforce of 40 employees.

"Ziegler's expansion in Sioux City brings additional jobs and tax value and is a reflection of economic growth occurring throughout the region," says Councilman John Fitch.

To accommodate expansion efforts, the City is vacating two acres of unused right-of-way property now separating Ziegler's land parcels. The City will also build a new storm water conveyance ditch for drainage on the Ziegler property and adjoining developments.



CARGILL RECEIVES CITY AWARD

The "Growing Sioux City Award" was recently presented to Cargill, Inc. in recognition of the company's significant growth and investment in Sioux City.

Within the last five years alone, Cargill, Inc. has invested millions of dollars into its Sioux City facilities—including wastewater pre-treatment, process efficiencies, a storm water pond, sustainability efforts and normal repair and maintenance. The company is on the cutting edge of advancements with frequent technological upgrades and added capacity.

"Sioux City is home to many leading food processors," says Mayor Bob Scott, "and Cargill is an outstanding example of an international company that has continued to grow and invest locally."

"Cargill has a long standing relationship with the Siouxland community," says Brian Spencer, Cargill facility superintendent. "We seek to continue our efforts to support our host community and be a good corporate citizen."

The world's largest privately owned company, Cargill has operations in 66 countries. One of its major products is soybean oil, which serves as a primary ingredient in food items such as salad dressing and ketchup. As a result, Cargill is a strategic partner with many major fast food chains worldwide.

Cargill has four locations in the tri-state area—including three in Sioux City. To signify an ongoing commitment toward growth in Sioux City, city leaders and Cargill executives planted a magnolia tree at the business entrance at 18th & Steuben Streets.

SUNNYBROOK MEDICAL CAMPUS UNDERWAY

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center is constructing a new medical campus that spans 17 acres and represents an investment of more than \$26,000,000.

Located at the intersection of Sunnybrook Drive and Sergeant Road, the 86,000 sq. ft. facility will provide outpatient healthcare services in a convenient location for patients in growing residential neighborhoods and nearby rural areas.

"We appreciate St. Luke's commitment to, and investment in, Sioux City," says Councilman Tom Padgett.

"This project is a clear indicator of continued strength within our medical community."

The City of Sioux City is assisting St. Luke's with an application for funding from the Iowa Economic Development Authority through its Targeted Jobs Withholding Tax Credit Program. Within the last five years, this program has been instrumental in retaining nine Sioux City medical offices.

The City also provided nearly \$1.7 million in related infrastructure improvements, extending Sunnybrook Drive by 1,250 ft. and moving a storm water detention pond to a more ideal location.



LIVING & LOVING DOWNTOWN LIFESTYLE



Gary & Tammie Pech are completely "at home" in Sioux City's vibrant downtown.

"Living downtown really fits our lifestyle, and I don't think I would live in a house again," says Tammie Pech, communications director at the Greater Northwest Iowa Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. She and her husband, Gary, moved from a house in nearby Sergeant Bluff to a downtown condo at the United Center in 2010.

For Tammie, the decision to move was motivated largely by convenience. "We chose to live downtown because we were looking for an 'easy' place to live—a place with no yard and no snow removal."

Along the way, they've come to appreciate a wealth of other amenities—walking to the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings for fresh produce, going to dinner at area restaurants, and attending performances at the Orpheum Theatre and Tyson Center. They take advantage of the city's extensive skywalks in the winter and invite friends to join them for Fridays on the Promenade in summer months. And they enjoy easy access to everything downtown offers, including the Sioux City Public Museum, the Art Center, and the climbing wall at Long Lines, along with countless special events throughout the year.

"The condo provides a different perspective on the city," Tammie shares. "I'm often asked, 'What do you miss about living in a house?' And after two full years, I can honestly say, 'Not much.' I love downtown living!"

Many are realizing the benefits of residing in downtown Sioux City. Units in the United Center (where Tammie lives) sold out last summer, creating a need for additional downtown residential options. A dozen new upper-floor lofts on 4th & Jackson are almost complete, with six already sold.

AMERICAN EAGLE HAS LANDED

There's a new airline serving Siouxland skies! American Eagle (operated by American Airlines) celebrated its inaugural flight to Sioux Gateway Airport in early April. For now, American Eagle will fly two daily routes to Chicago O'Hare International—as Chicago is the top destination for Siouxland leisure and business travelers. American Eagle may add another hub, such as Dallas-Fort Worth, down the road.



STUDY WILL BOOST DOWNTOWN

The city of Sioux City is working with businesses and property owners to further strengthen the downtown area.

"Our efforts will help the city increase investment and create jobs in this vital part of our community," says Councilmember Keith Radig. "That is the ultimate goal."

This spring the city welcomed six panelists from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) staff for a three-day visit. The team met with area leaders representing real estate, economic development, cultural organizations, and more. Working together, they considered key economic development characteristics, market rate housing, revitalization of historic buildings, possible uses for vacant structures, and related topics.

Following the visit, experts shared initial findings and ideas—including walkability, urban design, visual and physical ties between businesses, green space, and art. They suggested diversifying job attraction efforts, praised our community for rallying around common goals, and noted the outstanding quality of life amenities Sioux City offers.

Downtown Partners and Mid American Energy helped sponsor the study of Sioux City's downtown. A final report will be available in mid-summer.

CITY BENEFITS FROM HEALTHY INITIATIVE

Since last fall, Sioux City has been actively involved in Iowa's Blue Zones project, which seeks to make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation by 2016.

"Sioux City's involvement with the Blue Zones project has helped promote an increased awareness in health and well-being in our community," says City Manager Paul Eckert. "Residents have been urged to eat healthier, become more active, and think about overall wellness. A "Blue Zone" community is one whose residents live longer and lead more active lifestyles. As Sioux City applies to become a demonstration site in the second phase of the initiative, efforts will be made to involve more diversity and focus on the Siouxland region.

How can you help? Show your support for Sioux City by registering at www.bluezonesproject.com. There's no cost—only plenty of resources to help you live a healthier and more active lifestyle.



Blue Zones is a multigenerational project designed to improve the lives of all Iowans.

SOUTHBRIDGE COMES TO LIFE



The Southbridge water treatment plant uses new technology to efficiently provide clean water.

NEW WATER PLANT GOES HIGH-TECH

Spanning 23 acres and generating 10 million gallons of water each day, the Southbridge Regional Water Treatment Plant is state of the art. The plant has micro-membrane filtration (instead of traditional sand & gravel filters) to ensure water quality and water security. As continued growth occurs, this site can be upgraded to handle 30 million gallons of water daily.

This facility serves residents and businesses in the fast-growing areas of Singing Hills, Stone Ridge, Lakeport Commons, and Sunnybrook, along with Bridgeport and Port Neal. It also provides abundant water to Southbridge Business Park, which will help attract new industries.

"Like the entire Southbridge development, this facility positions Sioux City well for the future," says Councilman John Fitch.

For all its conveniences, the plant requires virtually no on-site management. It can be remotely monitored and operated 24/7 from the City's water facility on Zenith Drive.

Overall costs for the plant and supporting system were approximately \$40 million, which takes into account all contracts for the facility, collector well, and raw and finished water, and project design. Sioux City received substantial grant funding for the project—including \$24 million in state revolving loan funds and \$8 million in state I-JOBS resources.



Located on the southern edge of Sioux City between the Missouri River and Interstate 29, Southbridge Business Park provides thousands of acres of flat, developable land with excellent transportation access and industrial-scale infrastructure.

SABRE INDUSTRIES IS FIRST SOUTHBRIDGE BUSINESS

Sabre Industries, one of the leading tower, pole and shelter manufacturers in the nation, will be the first occupant in Sioux City's new Southbridge Business Park. Construction of its new facilities will begin in early summer, with a targeted initial occupancy date of October 2012. The development, which spans 150 acres and seven buildings, will begin with an \$18 million capital investment and 400 new jobs. Additional phases anticipate a total investment of \$28 million and 532 jobs.

Positive Economic Impact

A long-time Sioux City company, Sabre Industries considered numerous sites nationwide before planning a multi-phase expansion right here at home. "We are thrilled with Sabre's decision to add high quality jobs in Sioux City," says Mayor Bob Scott. "Its growth is sure to create a significant and positive impact in our community."

Factoring in construction, site operations, fiscal benefits, local spending, and the ripple/multiplier effect of the project, overall economic development effects from Sabre-related employment and capital expenditures will be in the millions of dollars.

Company Growth

A leading provider of communication and electric transmission infrastructure products, Sabre has manufactured towers in Sioux City for 35 years. The company is now expanding to accommodate growth in its electric transmission, distribution structures, and wireless communication structures businesses. The Iowa Economic Development Authority has approved its financial assistance application, awarding \$960,000 in direct financial assistance as well as tax benefits to create jobs.

Along with a 192,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility, Sabre's expanded operations in Sioux City will include executive management, administration, sales, operations, human resources, welding, shipping, and receiving. Sabre will work with Western Iowa Tech to provide training to 192 new employees through a customized welding program. The four-week program features a seamless orientation plan and is strong in blueprint reading and safety.



CITY PARTNERS WITH 185TH

New and improved access to Southbridge Business Park is providing the infrastructure needed to attract new businesses to Sioux City. The two-year Southbridge Drive construction project includes new paving and underground utilities, along with a realigned street section that replaces Harbor Drive from 225th Street to the I-29/Aviation interchange.

Relocating Harbor Drive and making road improvements along 225th Street will allow for new east/west and north/south corridors connecting to I-29 and the new \$34 million Southbridge Regional Water Treatment Plant. The southerly portion of the Harbor Drive corridor was recently renamed to Southbridge Drive and is marked by a new street sign at its intersection with 225th Street.

The new Southbridge Drive allows the 185th Air Refueling Wing—one of Sioux City's largest employers—to address security obligations and plan its own expansion. "Once the relocation project is complete, we will have a facility that meets today's security requirements," says Col. Brian Miller of the 185th Air Refueling Wing. "We'll also be in a better position to push for growth of the 185th." To assist relocation efforts, the 185th ARW demolished a building along Harbor Drive and rebuilt it in another location.

"We appreciate the partnership between the City and the 185th Air Refueling Wing as we work to create new jobs and investment in Southbridge Business Park," says Councilman John Fitch. "Newly paved access to Southbridge and I-29 is critical to economic expansion efforts."

Improvement funding has been supported by a \$4.8 million economic revitalization grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation and \$750,000 from the Air National Guard.

GRANTS BOOST RAIL

To assist with rail improvements in Southbridge Business Park, the City has received a total of \$5 million in federal and state grants. The City was recently awarded a \$2 million grant from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), a division of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Grant funding will help construct an industrial lead track and "drop & pull" yard that will significantly enhance rail service to Southbridge industries.

The grant is awarded from the DOT's Rail Line Relocation and Improvement program, which is intended to help replace, relocate, and improve segments of railroad track in order to enhance safety, foster community livability, and promote economic development.

"We appreciate assistance from our Congressional representatives in securing these critical infrastructure grants, which allow us to continue to attract new jobs to our community," says Councilman John Fitch.

The City of Sioux City has also received \$3 million from the Iowa Rail Port Program to help fund the new rail yard, which is estimated to cost \$6.7 million. With input from Union Pacific Railroad, preliminary design has already been completed.





SO MUCH TO DO VISITSIOUXCITY.ORG

ORPHEUM THEATRE

For tickets, call 800-745-3000

- Free Father's Day Film: Field of Dreams • June 17
- Steve Martin & The Steep Canyon Rangers • June 22
- Gavin DeGraw / Colbie Caillat • June 26
- Chicago • June 28
- Mardi Gras Festive • July 5
- Ron White • Sept. 9
- Sioux City Symphony: Opening Night • Sept. 22
- Under the Streetlamp • Oct. 16
- Sioux City Symphony: Live & Let Die
- The Music of Paul McCartney • Oct. 20

TYSON EVENTS CENTER

Sioux City Bandits • For schedule, visit scbandits.com

Customer Appreciation Carnival
Tyson West Parking Lot • June 1-11

WWE • July 21

USHL Fall Classic • Sept. 19-22

DOWNTOWN

Farmers Market • Tri-View & Pearl St.
Wednesdays & Saturdays • May 9-Oct. 31 • 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Mondays • July 16-Sept. 24 • 3-7 p.m.

June Jam • June 1

Greek Festival • June 8-9

Fridays on the Promenade • June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20
Aug. 3, 17 & 31 • 6 p.m.

Awesome Biker Nights • Historic Fourth St. • June 14-16

The Big Parade • Historic Fourth St. • July 6

Rivercade Carnival • July 18-22

Rock N Rods • July 20-22

iGran Fondo • Sioux City to Sioux Center • July 21

GRANDVIEW PARK

Saturday Movies in the Park
Saturday evenings at dusk • June 9-August 4

Municipal Band Concerts
Sundays • June 10 - July 29 • 7:30 pm

Saturday in the Park • July 7 • 12 noon - 10:30 p.m.
Wilco, The Chris Robinson Brotherhood & More

Sioux City's Art Center's ArtSplash • September 1-2

PARKS & RECREATION

www.sioux-city.org/parks

Pools • June 11-Aug. 5

Riverside • Daily • June 11-Aug. 15
Weekends • May 26 • June 2-3 • 9-10
Aug. 18-19 & 25-26 • Sept. 1-3

Climbing Wall Reservations • 712-224-5127
Available for birthday parties and private rentals

RIVERSIDE PARK

Riversance • Oct. 6-7

SIOUX CITY ART CENTER

Call 279-6272 • siouxcityartcenter.org

Art Lesson • Saturdays • 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Family "Funday" • Sundays • 1:30 p.m.

Golf By Design: Mini-Golf Holes by Sioux City
Architectural Firms Exhibition • April 21-July 1

Art Camp (2 week sessions) • June 5-Aug. 16

Leonardo da Vinci • Man Inventor Genius &
Man Artist Genius • July 14-Oct. 14

Catapult Workshop • July 28-29 • 1-4 p.m.

Leonardo da Vinci Family Festival • Aug. 12 • 1-3 p.m.

SIOUX CITY MUSEUM

Fees Vary

Summer Classes • June 12-Aug. 15

"Government Corner" Walking Tour • June 2 • 10 a.m.

Mysteries of Ancient Egypt

Children's Program • June 6 • 10:30 a.m.

The Wonders of Buxton • June 6 • 6 p.m.

Peirce Mansion Open House • June 17 • 1-4 p.m.

Gypsy Soul: Remembering Sioux City's
Tommy Bolin Exhibit • Opens June 23

Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment
Sgt. Floyd River Museum • Aug. 18-19

Sgt. Floyd Burial Ceremony

Sgt. Floyd Monument • Aug. 18 • 6 p.m.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Many events require preregistration
www.siouxcitylibrary.org or 255-2933 ext. 231

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH

Summer Reading Kickoff with
Sioux City Explorers • June 1

Family Storytime • Wednesdays & Fridays in June

Star Lab • June 13

Dream Like a Scientist • June 28

American Girl Program • July 9

Sanford Planetarium • July 12

Legos • July 13

Film Festival • July 18

THE WILBUR AALFS DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Read to Me Story Dogs • Tuesdays • June 12-July 31

The Muppets Movie • June 7

American Girl Program • June 11

Legos • June 15

Nocturnal Animals • June 20

Hugo Movie • June 21

The Hunger Games • June 29

Film Festival • July 19

Alvin & the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked Movie • July 19



Versatile new units are replacing older specialty vehicles for the SCFR.

ADVANCING SAFETY

With three new Changeable Response Units (CRUs), the Sioux City Fire Rescue unit is proving that sometimes less is more.

Depending on the response required, each CRU pickup has a hydraulic arm that allows firefighters to change the rear module, or "pod," into an emergency medical response team, a firefighting unit, or a utility box unit—all within one minute or less.

"Citywide, our goal is to create the most efficient and effective fleet possible," says Fire Chief Tom Everett.

Part of the SCFR's "Flex Fleet" project, these three pickups replace five older specialty vehicles—which creates significant long-term savings. What's more, the CRUs can be transferred to other equipment in the future. Operated by aerial ladder (truck) crews, the new CRUs will respond from Station 1 downtown and Station 3 in Greenville.

DA VINCI IN SIOUX CITY

To view the work of Leonardo da Vinci, one would usually need a passport. But starting this summer, some of his best ideas will be in our own backyard! The Sioux City Art Center will present "Leonardo da Vinci: Man Inventor Genius & Man Artist Genius" as its newest Blockbuster exhibition from July 14-Oct. 14.

This world-class display not only brings da Vinci's most remarkable ideas and inventions to life, but it also features 20+ reproductions of his artistic masterpieces. Each painting is presented to scale, including The Last Supper — which will stretch across the Art Center atrium.

Considered today as one of history's most eminent painters, da Vinci was also recognized in his time as a genius in science and engineering. The exhibition's meticulously crafted models bring his genius to life through interactive inventions and machines that include flight, hydraulics, machines, and military devices.

According to Todd Behrens, curator at the Sioux City Art Center, "Presenting da Vinci's paintings along with his inventions allows us to show that art, regardless of its form, is about finding new ways to look at things."



INTERSTATE UPDATE

Motorists can expect long-term benefits to summer construction. "When complete, updates will provide safe, modern, and efficient roadways that will meet driver expectation and address the needs of the Sioux City metro area for decades to come," says Dakin Schultz, transportation planner with the Iowa DOT.

Here's a quick look at upcoming Iowa Department of Transportation's I-29 improvements:

Segment 1: Grading is underway on I-29 southbound lanes and crews are constructing the southbound bridge at Singing Hills Boulevard. Traffic is one lane in each direction in the northbound lanes through the construction zone.

Segment 2: Reconstruction of the Wesley Parkway interchange (exit 148) is in progress. Visit www.iowadot.gov/i29/ for a real-time view of the detour. Next, crews will be working along TriView Avenue and building a retaining wall along I-29 southbound between the Floyd River and the Old Floyd River channel.

Segment 3: To accommodate construction of I-29 northbound lanes, traffic has been moved to its southbound lanes.

LIBRARY GETS A LIFT

Following a four-month, \$1.7 million renovation, The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library is back and better than ever! In addition to new carpets and furnishings, the new library features revitalized learning spaces and reallocated spaces that highlight the collections people use most.

Collaborative study rooms are available, along with the Gleeson public meeting room and the Security National Bank conference room—both of which may be reserved by book clubs and service organizations. Customer-focused service points and friendly staff make the new library even easier to navigate. And with a new self-service option, library patrons can pick up requested books and check out materials at express kiosks without waiting in line to do so. The library will celebrate grand reopening activities throughout 2012.





REFRESHED RIVERFRONT

Beautification continues along the Sioux City riverfront following last summer's Missouri River flooding. City crews have replaced concrete panels along the Lewis & Clark riverfront trail and planted more than 200 trees along the riverfront area. They've also restored numerous flowerbeds and cleaned and repainted decorative fixtures at the Anderson Pavilion. Dozens of volunteers from throughout Siouxland have helped significantly with cleanup efforts, as well.

Much of the riverfront playground equipment is open: only the west playground now needs replaced. "We're planning a fun structure that brings a new excitement to the riverfront," says Kelly Bach, field services manager. The Sioux City Rotary Club has generously agreed to help fund this fitness-focused playground, anticipated to be ready for action by late August.

RESHAPING BIKE RACKS

New custom bike racks are appearing all over the city this summer, thanks to a partnership involving Scheels, the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, and Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO).

Two Penny Farthing bike racks have been added at the Sioux City Public Museum, and one has been placed at Chris Larsen Park's welcome center. There's also a new bike rack in the shape of books at the Morningside Branch Library. Look for more bike racks along the riverfront this fall.



HEIGHTS FACELIFT COMPLETE

The Heights, one of Sioux City's most historic neighborhoods, has been updated with new pavement, underground utilities, street-side amenities, and sidewalks along more than 7,000 feet of streets. The three-year, \$5.7 million project involved significant collaboration between the City and The Heights residents, who helped extensively with design and planning. The collective goal? To ensure a strong and cohesive neighborhood and promote safe, efficient traffic flows.

"The Heights is one of Sioux City's most distinctive neighborhoods," says Councilmember Keith Radig. "We were happy to work with residents to make their beautiful and historic neighborhood even better."

Founded on the north side in 1913, The Heights neighborhood underwent six phases of reconstruction involving streets and infrastructure.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL

Starting in June, Sioux City community members can join Sioux City Mayor Bob Scott and City Council members for a monthly coffee. As they prepare for strategic planning sessions in July, Sioux City leaders are seeking ideas from Sioux City residents and business owners. Monthly coffees will be held in City Council Chambers at 8:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month starting June 14.

IGRAN FONDO CYCLING

Cyclists from across the country will be in Sioux City this summer to experience the iGran Fondo. This new event will offer an annual ride from Sioux City to the start of the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI), which attracts thousands of cycling enthusiasts nationwide. This year's iGran Fondo will be held July 21 and span Sioux City to Sioux Center, RAGBRAI's starting town this year.

"The iGran Fondo offers a compressed RAGBRAI experience for residents and visitors," says Councilman Tom Padgett. "It will provide a fantastic ride and an exciting event to watch."

Riders can choose from three different routes: a short 30-mile out-and-back course (fondo), a 60-mile (medio fondo) with a more direct route to Sioux Center, and a 100-mile chip timed course (iGran fondo) involving significant challenge. To learn more, visit igranfondo.com.



Dedicated cyclists like Steve Avery of Sioux City will enjoy the new iGran Fondo.

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