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POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008 Est.</u>
Craig	241	220
Decatur	618	544
Lyons	963	585
Oakland	1,367	1,231
Tekamah	1,892	1,719
Burt County	7,791	7,023
Labor Market*	105,791	103,303

*Includes Burt County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain basic information about Burt County, Nebraska. This material was compiled by the Burt County Economic Development Corporation, city officials in each of the five communities, Burt County Public Power District, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development.

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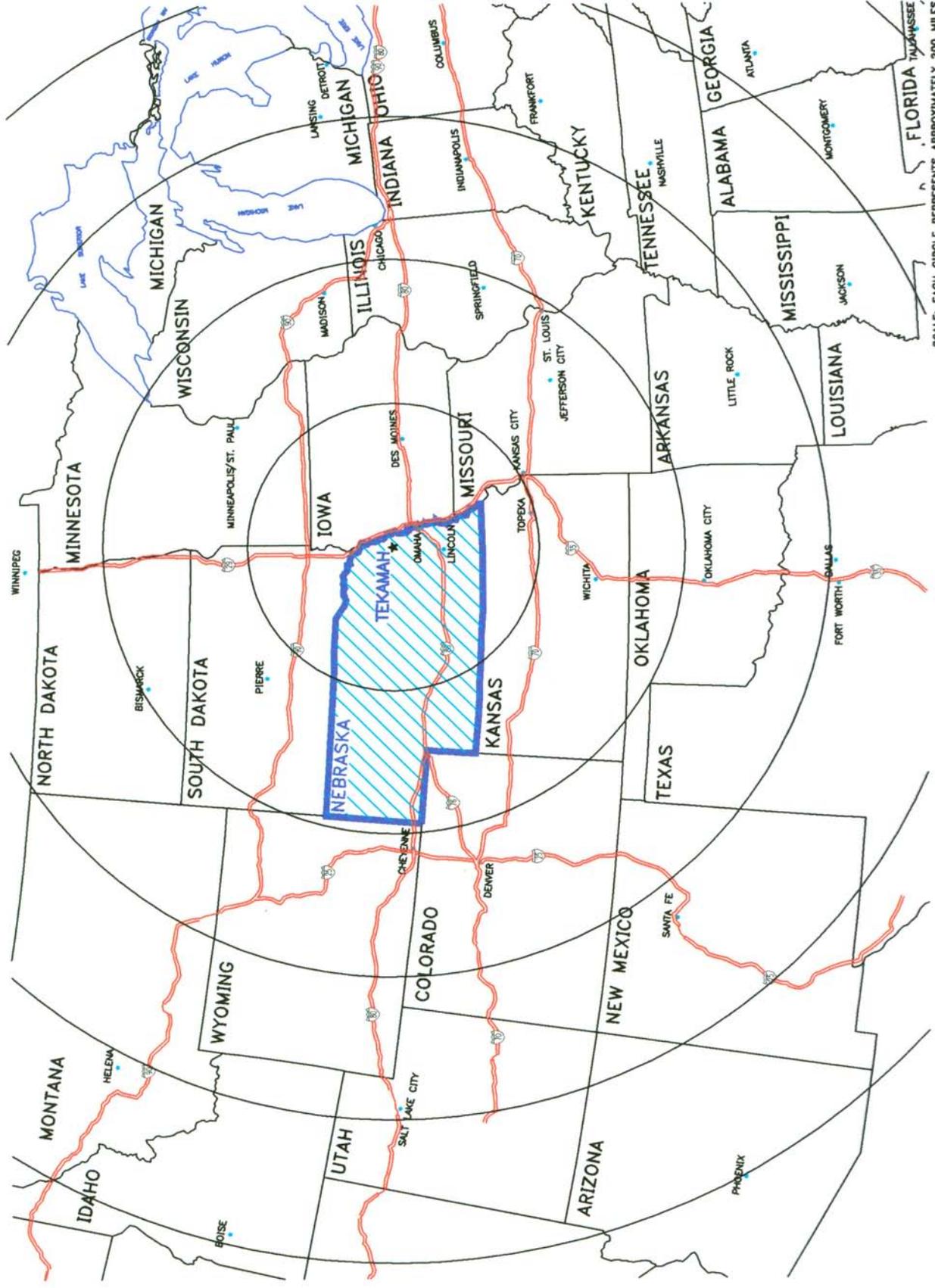
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES



Approximately 100 people in Burt County are fluent in Spanish.

LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities in Burt County include manufacturing, farming, cattle feeding, medical, retail, and education. Tekamah is the county seat of Burt County.

Net taxable retail sales in 2009:

Burt County	\$38,372,952
Craig	\$261,420
Decatur	\$5,429,353
Lyons	\$6,932,910
Oakland	\$6,275,866
Tekamah	\$18,889,363

Wholesale firms in the county distribute agricultural sprayers and welding supplies.

Feeny Manufacturing, a California manufacturing firm, expanded to Tekamah in 2006.

ELEVATION

The elevation in Burt County ranges from 1,058 to 1,287 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain in the county varies from nearly level to strongly sloping.

Four distinct topographic divisions exist in the county: the relatively smooth upland, a hilly belt bordering the Missouri River Valley, the Missouri River Valley lying west of the channel, and the Logan Creek Valley.

A variety of soil types are found in Burt County. The majority of the soil is Moody-Nora-Judson Association. Drainage is good.

HISTORY

The area of Burt County is originally included in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 and was, in part, explored by Lewis and Clark during their expedition across the newly purchased land.

Burt County is one of the eight original counties in Nebraska. The county was named in honor of Francis G. Burt, Nebraska's territorial governor. The first permanent settlement in Burt County was in 1854, the same year as the county's organization. The original boundaries of Burt County consisted of a large portion of northeastern Nebraska. The county was configured to its present size by the State Legislature in 1879.

In October 1854, a band of explorers headed by Col. Benjamin R. Folsom from Attica, New York, drove stakes and made the first permanent settlement on ground which was a part of Burt County and later set aside as a park in Tekamah named for Folsom. Eight other men accompanied Folsom to the settlement. The group sought a name of the camp and decided to write down their favorite name and drop it in a hat. The first name selected was "Tekama." The final H was added several years later.

Historic points of interest in the county include Folsom Park in Tekamah with its native rock monument marking the spot of the camp of settlers October 7, 1854; Reservoir Hill in Tekamah, one of the highest points between Omaha, Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa; and Golden Springs, located 15 miles north of Tekamah, where Lewis and Clark stayed and a natural spring is found.

The city of Oakland was named after John Oak, a Norwegian settler who arrived in the western part of Burt County in 1866. Oak homesteaded land nearby in 1855 prior to moving to the settlement of Logan Creek Valley. Although only being in the area a few years, fellow settlers petitioned to name the town Oakland, as a result of his dedication and assistance to new settlers. The settlement's request was honored on May 11, 1868. The community was incorporated in 1881, in anticipation of the railroad that eventually came through Oakland in 1900. Oakland is known as the "Swedish Capital of Nebraska."

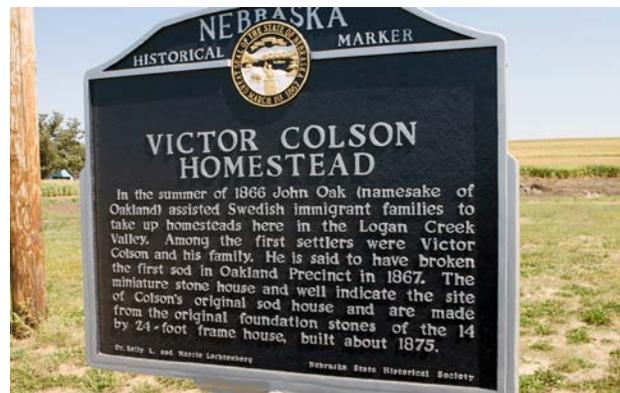
Decatur is proud to be the second oldest settlement in Nebraska, dating back to 1854. Incorporated in 1856, Decatur celebrated 150 years in 2006. The community lies at the foot of a high scenic

bluff and next to the Missouri River along U.S. Highway 75, 60 miles north of Omaha.

The Homestead Act was responsible for the Lyons community. Nearly all the pioneers or someone in their families were connected with the Civil War. The pioneer families of Lyon, Everett, and Fritts were responsible for starting the community.

The original town site was planned by Waldo Lyon, Sr., and incorporated April 29, 1884.

Incorporation papers for Craig were filed in 1867. The town was named for William Stewart Craig, who owned the land on which the town was located when the railroad was built.



Historical Markers in Burt County



Mural of Lewis & Clark Expedition



Main Street in Decatur



Main Street in Lyons



Main Street in Oakland



Main Street in Tekamah

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
B&B Technologies, Inc 1994	Ag & turf sprayers	National	8	0	None
Brehmer Manufacturing 1974	Custom manufacturing	International	37 2*	3 1	None
ERW Manufacturing, Inc. 1989	Custom metal products	National	4	2	None
Feeney Manufacturing 2006	Fabrication & powder coating	National	11	2	None
Hardsteel Inc. 1995	Metal buildings	National	14	3	None
Linweld Manufacturing 1975	Welding supplies	Regional	7	0	None
Morrison & Quirk, Inc 1952	Alfalfa pellets	Regional	6 20*	1	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 5 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Anderson, Dwain & Sons	Construction	12	0 1*	None
Burt County	Government	26 4*	25 1*	None
Burt County Plaindealer/Midwest Messenger	Publishing	10 1*	22 6*	None
Burt County Public Power District	Electric utility	19	4 2*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Center for Rural Affairs	Economic development	9 1*	18 3*	None
Central States Research Center/ Midwest Vet Services	Veterinary	20	11	None
Central Valley Ag	Grain storage & retail	57 11*	8 2*	None
City of Decatur	Government	4 7*	2	None
City of Lyons	Government	6 1*	2 2*	None
		13 seasonal		
City of Oakland	Government	8	4 3*	None
		14 seasonal		
City of Tekamah	Government	10 8*	3 19*	None
Lee Valley, Inc.	Machinery sales	9 1*	4 1*	None
Logan Valley Feeders	Feedlot	6	1	None
Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools	Education	17 1*	32 3*	NSEA
Oakland-Craig Public Schools	Education	28	70	NSEA
Oakland Mercy Hospital	Medical	4	44 6*	None
P&W	Agriculture retail	6	2	None
RIESA Construction	Pipe fabrication	2	3	None
Tekamah-Herman Public Schools	Education	15 3*	46 29*	NSEA

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Washington County Bank	Financial	7	5	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS (within 50 miles and employing 100 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Blair, 18 miles			
Blair Community Schools	Education	375	NSEA
Cargill Campus	Corn milling & processing	500	None
Dana College	Four-year higher education	375	None
Good Shepherd Lutheran Community	Nursing care	145	None
Great Plains Communications	Communication	125	None
MCH Health Systems	Medical care	300	None
Mid America Computer Corporation	Data processing	200	None
Omaha Public Power District	Electric utility	650	None
Wilkinson Manufacturing	Food packaging products	300	None
Woodhouse Auto Family	Automobile dealership	300	None

West Point, 27 miles

Franciscan Care Services	Health care	225+	None
West Point Public Schools	Education	115	NSEA
Wimmer Meat Products Inc.	Processed meat products	105	None

Omaha, 45 miles

Omaha is a metropolitan center with numerous firms employing more than 100

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Snyder, 39 miles		300	None
Smeal Fire Apparatus	Fire trucks & aerial apparatus		None
Fremont, 42 miles			
Arbor Manor Living Center	Nursing home	100+	None
Burger King	Food chain	100+	None
City of Fremont	Government	148	None
Department of Utilities	Utilities	145	None
Fremont Area Medical Center	Medical	726	None
Fremont Contract Carriers	Transportation	300	None
Fremont Beef Inc.	Beef & pork products	300	None
Fremont National Bank	Financial	110	None
Fremont Public Schools	Education	500	Yes
Hormel Foods Corp.	Food processing	1,425	Yes
Magnus LLC	Bearings & castings	65	None
Midland Lutheran College	Education	180	None
Oilgear Fremont Inc.	Hydraulic pumps & components	160	IAM
Oriental Trading Company	Mail order/catalog sales	100+	None
Structural Component Systems, Inc.	Prefabricated structural trusses	175	None
TEK Industries	Electronics	200	None
Wal-Mart Store, Inc.	Retail sales	330	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Burt County Economic Development Corporation works with the cities and villages toward economic development growth in the county.

Burt County Economic Development Corporation was formed in 2005 with an executive director. This non-profit organization is comprised of four governmental entities and funds are raised from county and city governments and private investors.

Several industrial sites and buildings throughout the county are currently being marketed.

INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

Click here to go to Nebraska Public Power District's [searchable sites and buildings database](#).



B & B Technologies



Brehmer Manufacturing



ERW, Inc.



Hardsteel, Inc.



Linweld Manufacturing



Center for Rural Affairs



Central Valley Ag

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Burt County labor market and the total labor market consisting of Burt County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Cuming, Dodge, Thurston, and Washington (annual average, 2009). Nonfarm employment figures for the contiguous Iowa counties of Monona and Harrison are not available.

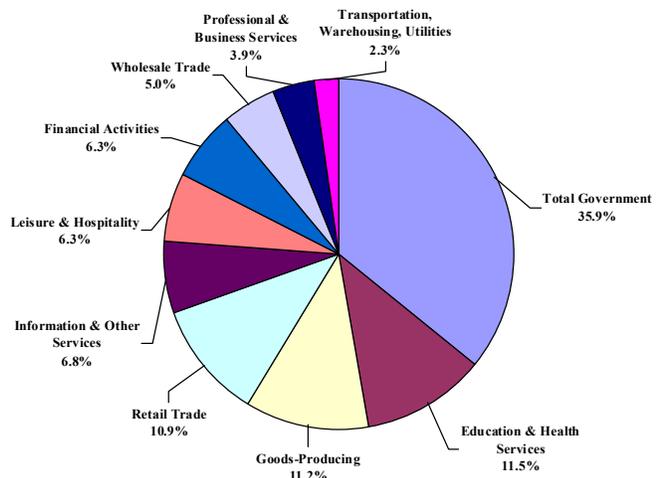
<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Burt County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods-Producing	203	7,058
Manufacturing	(D)	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	86	1,991
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	329	(D)
Wholesale Trade	90	(D)
Retail Trade	197	4,025
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	42	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	114	(D)
Professional & Business Services	71	1,959
Education & Health Services	209	4,273
Leisure & Hospitality	114	2,481
Other Services	(D)	(D)
Government	651	7,321
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	1,815	32,593
Farm Employment	630	3835
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	3,708	40,861
B. Commuting Out of County	1,997	N/A
C. Unemployment	228	2,345
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	3,936	43,206
D. Estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry.	2,249	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	104	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	4,578	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development
 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of
 Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2007
 U.S. Census

A labor survey was conducted in 2009 for the Burt County area. Visit www.burtcoedc.com for results.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
 BURT COUNTY
 ANNUAL AVERAGE 2009**



POPULATION DATA

Location	2000			2008		
	Density/Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	County Median Family Income
Burt Co.	15.8	84.1	14.2	22.5	46.6	\$50,000
Nebraska	22.3	86.6	23.7	13.5	36.2	\$59,800
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.8	36.8	\$61,500

Burt County had 5,342 registered voters in 2008; 64.0 percent voted in the national election compared to 70.2 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2009
 Statewide General Election 2008 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE BURT COUNTY AREA



POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2008 Estimate		
City of Tekamah	—	1,719
Burt County	—	7,023
30-Mile Radius	—	108,090

Burt County Population Ages/Gender, 2008		
Ages	Male	Female
18–24	268	295
25–44	634	643
45–64	1,057	1,036

UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2006, 7.9 percent of Nebraska's nonfarm wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.0 percent.

Labor organizations operating in Burt County:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Lyons-Decatur Northeast School	Nebraska State Education Association
Oakland-Craig Public School District	Nebraska State Education Association
Tekamah-Herman School District	Nebraska State Education Association

It is estimated that less than 1 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Burt County is unionized. There have been no known strikes.

WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	16.48	23.37	45.50
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	18.23	29.52	41.98
Electrical Engineers	27.60	35.75	51.14
Industrial Engineers	22.84	30.39	42.23
Mechanical Engineers	16.96	28.31	46.88
Computer Programmers	14.90	28.14	42.19
Computer Systems Analysts	23.81	35.06	45.46
Registered Nurses	17.02	23.95	31.98
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.39	7.59	12.47
Retail Salespersons	6.37	8.52	18.33
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	6.82	11.67	19.89
Driver/Sales Workers	7.00	16.81	27.60
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.58	8.90	15.27
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	8.91	13.32	19.00
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.21	12.57	18.54
Customer Service Representatives	7.37	12.36	19.97
Data Entry Keyers	7.98	10.99	16.67
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	8.09	11.42	16.22
Office Clerks, General	6.68	10.05	15.19
Receptionists & Information Clerks	7.35	10.71	14.80
Telemarketers	7.92	10.42	11.92

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	8.28	11.80	16.20
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.96	11.33	15.00
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	10.49	14.12	16.34
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.49	10.69	13.84
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	10.24	13.68	17.77
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.06	18.22	25.45
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	12.88	20.41	25.20
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	10.50	17.11	20.19
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.72	13.84	16.52
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	12.77	14.42	16.00
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	8.42	9.77	17.80
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	13.21	15.52	19.46
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.34	12.41	16.49
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	12.35	15.51	19.83
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	9.86	15.69	23.77
Electricians	11.33	17.60	26.50
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.49	18.19	30.79
Machinists	12.26	17.95	37.60
Tool & Die Makers	13.92	18.89	24.47
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.99	14.26	18.88
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	11.54	14.52	18.22
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	17.79	26.40	30.72
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	17.42	25.45	32.10
Computer Operators	8.02	11.54	16.81

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth Quarter 2009 wage estimates, All Industries, Northeast Region, <http://neblswages.nwd.ne.gov>.

Production workers are, for the most part, paid on a straight-time basis.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits range up to 40 percent of wages.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

A main line of the BNSF Railway Company serves Oakland and Lyons with 10 freight trains daily. Switching is completed by local train crews.

Amtrak provides Omaha, 45 miles south of Tekamah, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. The Superliner features a lounge car, coach and first-class accommodations, dining car services, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time is 10 hours to Chicago and 48 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

MOTOR

Highways

Burt County is served by north-south U.S. Highways 75 and 77 and east-west Nebraska Highways 32 and 51. North-south Interstate 29 is 3 miles east of Decatur and east-west Interstate 80 is 45 miles south of Tekamah.

Highway mileage from Tekamah to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	84
Omaha	45
Chicago	486
Dallas	713
Denver	568
Detroit	755
Kansas City	233
Los Angeles	1,581
Minneapolis	331
New York	1,261
St. Louis	486
San Francisco	1,697
Sioux City	60

Trucklines

More than 11,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Dansco Refrigerated Carriers and KD Transportation have terminals in Burt County.

Bus Line

The nearest bus serve is available in Fremont, 28 miles from Oakland, and Omaha, 45 miles from Tekamah.

A van owned by the senior center in Tekamah provides regular service to Blair and Omaha and can be used for transportation to meals at the Chatt Senior Center.

AIR

The Tekamah Municipal Airport has one 4,002-foot lighted, concrete runway. Other facilities include hangar space and 100-low lead and jet aviation fuel. There are 19 private planes hangared there; none are available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 1,027 feet, the latitude is 41-46N, and the longitude is 096-11W.

The nearest commercial air service is available at Eppley Airfield near Omaha, 45 miles south, and Sioux Gateway Airport in Sioux City, 60 miles north of Tekamah.

WATER

Barge service is available at 10 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. These river ports are navigable approximately eight months per year. The Blair river port is 17 miles south of Tekamah. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains a 9-foot deep, 300-foot wide channel for 735 navigable miles from Sioux City, Iowa, to the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis, Missouri. Commodities transported by towing companies are grain, grain products, fertilizer, feed ingredients, cement, rock-aggregate, and salt.

PIPELINE

Northern Natural Gas Company has a terminal in Burt County.



Bridge Over the Missouri River



Missouri River

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) retails electricity to the cities of Craig, Oakland, and Tekamah. Decatur purchases its power at wholesale through Burt County Public Power District (BCPPD), and Lyons is a wholesale customer of NPPD.

Craig, Oakland, and Tekamah

Power is supplied to Craig and Oakland from NPPD's 115,000 volt transmission substation at Oakland where it is reduced to 34,500 volts. The city of Tekamah receives its power from another NPPD transmission substation located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of the city. Both Oakland and Tekamah have a capacity of 6,250 kVA and Craig has a capacity of 999 kVA. The distribution voltage is 2,400/4,160 wye at Oakland and 7,200/12,500 wye at Tekamah and Craig. The system is tied into the statewide grid system by means of high voltage transmission lines.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES (effective 1/1/10)

Summer bills run from June–September.
Winter bills run from October–May.

Residential Service:

Customer Charge:		\$15.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
8.88¢	7.01¢	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
8.88¢	4.54¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

General Service:

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$17.00 per month
Three Phase		\$21.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
9.38¢	7.57¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
9.38¢	6.30¢	per kWh for the next 2,000 kWh used per month
9.38¢	6.00¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

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Commercial Electric Space Heating:

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$45.00 per month
Three Phase		\$50.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
10.65¢	6.77¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
4.19¢	2.92¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

General Service Demand:

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$80.00 per month
Three Phase		\$90.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
10.80¢	7.29¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.90¢	2.99¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations. This rate is also subject to various adders and discounts depending upon the customer’s requirements, metering, etc.

NPPD has off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Sample Cost per kWh for General Service Demand:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh ¹
100	30,000	8.48
100	50,000	6.67
300	90,000	8.24
300	150,000	6.53
500	150,000	8.19
500	180,000	7.49

¹Includes Lease Payment and Gross Revenue Tax.

High Tension Service:

Customer Charge: \$310.00 per month		
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$12.75	\$7.80	per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
4.45¢	3.23¢	per kWh for all on-peak energy
3.22¢	2.16¢	per kWh for all off-peak energy
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Energy Time Periods - For the monthly billing periods, the on-peak and off-peak hours for energy (all based on “Central” time) are as follows:

Energy Season	On-Peak Hours	Off-Peak Hours
Summer	10:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours
Winter	8:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours

All hours on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day shall be considered off-peak hours.

Industries must take delivery at or be adjacent to a substation and own and maintain the primary dedicated line and any other facilities beyond the substation delivery point.

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

NPPD has off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Sample Cost per kWh for High Tension Service:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh ¹
1,000	300,000	7.20
2,500	750,000	7.13
2,500	1,250,000	5.68
5,000	1,500,000	7.10
5,000	2,500,000	5.66
10,000	6,400,000	5.18

¹Includes Lease Payment. Does not include Gross Revenue Tax.

The annual average ¢/kWh cost assumes 46 percent of monthly energy is consumed during on-peak hours of the four summer months and 53 percent during on-peak hours of the eight winter months.

Prospective customers should contact Nebraska Public Power District, (877) 275-6773, www.nppd.com, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

Village of Decatur

The village of Decatur owns and operates its electrical distribution system. Electric power requirements for this system are purchased at wholesale from Burt County Public Power District (BCPPD), with headquarters in Tekamah. Power is delivered via Nebraska Public Power District's (NPPD) 115,000 volt statewide grid to NPPD's Tekamah transmission substation where it is converted to 34,000 volts and carried over BCPPD lines to a substation located three miles south of Decatur. Backup power at 12,470 volts is available from another BCPPD substation eight miles west of Decatur. NPPD serves the backup power source from another 115,000 volt substation at Bancroft. The distribution voltage in the village is 2,400/4,160 wye.

ELECTRIC RATES--VILLAGE OF DECATUR
(effective 12/11/08)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

First 25 kWh	\$0.480917 per kWh
Next 475 kWh	\$0.150901 per kWh
Next 4,500 kWh	\$0.093239 per kWh
Next 5,000 kWh	\$0.082198 per kWh
All additional use	\$0.069773 per kWh
Minimum Bill: \$12.02 per month	

Three-Phase Service (all uses):

Service Charge:	\$9.00 per month
First 25 kWh	\$0.480917 per kWh
Next 475 kWh	\$0.150901 per kWh
Next 4,500	\$0.093239 per kWh
Next 5,000	\$0.082198 per kWh
All additional use	\$0.069773 per kWh
Minimum Bill: \$21.02 per month	

For further information on electric rates and service, contact the village of Decatur, (402) 349-5360.

City of Lyons

The city of Lyons owns and operates the electrical distribution system. Electrical power requirements are purchased at wholesale from Nebraska Public Power District. Power is supplied from the Oakland 115,000 volt substation and delivered over Burt County Public Power District lines at 34,500 volts to the 7,500 kVA transformer at Lyons. The distribution voltage is 2,400 delta. The system is tied into the statewide grid system by means of 115,000 volt transmission lines.

ELECTRIC RATES--CITY OF LYONS
(effective 2004)

A tapping fee of \$50 is charged for new electric connections.

Meter Charge:	\$10.00 per month
	\$0.0193 per kWh for all kWh used per month
Minimum Bill: \$10.00 per month	

This rate is subject to application of the Purchased Cost Adjustment.

Business:

Meter Charge:	\$10.00 per month
Commodity Charge:	\$0.0297 per kWh
Minimum Bill:	\$10.00 per month

This rate is subject to application of the Purchased Cost Adjustment.

Business with Demand Meter:

Meter Charge:	\$10.00 per month
Commodity Charge:	\$0.00817 per kWh
Minimum Bill:	\$10.00 per month

This rate is subject to application of the Purchased Cost Adjustment.

For further information on electric rates and service, contact Mary Lou Ritter, clerk, village of Lyons, (402) 687-2485.

Burt County Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area in Burt County. For more information regarding electrical services in the Burt County Public Power District service area, contact Richard Ray, manager, Tekamah, Nebraska, (402) 374-2631, dray@huntel.net, www.burtpd.com.

NATURAL GAS

Craig, Oakland, and Tekamah

Black Hills Energy is the retail supplier of natural gas in Craig, Oakland, and Tekamah. Northern Natural Gas is the transmission pipeline company for each of these communities. Natural gas, with an average value of 1,000 BTU per cubic foot, is available in Craig, Oakland, and Tekamah for residential, commercial, and industrial customers for base and peak use on a firm basis. Interruptible service is available for customers with alternate fuel capability. Annual curtailment of interruptible customers varies with the type of service selected by the customer.

Rates will vary from month to month and are set each month to reflect the cost of natural gas. Black Hills Energy uses a mixed buying portfolio to keep the cost of natural gas supplied to customers

at a competitive rate. Current rates and history can be found at www.blackhillsenergy.com. Commercial and industrial customers with daily usage greater than 20 Mcf can negotiate their rates with their energy supplier.

Prospective commercial or industrial customers should contact the Economic Development Department at Black Hills Energy, (402) 437-1850 or (800) 232-1850, for further information regarding gas rates and service.

City of Lyons

The city of Lyons distributes natural gas in the city. Northern Natural Gas is the pipeline supplier. The pressure of the two-inch pipeline is 480 pounds. Natural gas, with a BTU value of 1,000, is available for residential and commercial uses as well as industrial uses on a firm basis.

Gas rates are based on cost of service and are made of up three components—monthly meter charge, transportation fees, and cost of gas.

For further information on gas rates and availability in Lyons, contact Mary Lou Ritter, clerk, village of Lyons, (402) 687-2485.

Village of Decatur

Natural gas is not available in Decatur.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at P&W Ag, Central Valley Ag, Sapp Bros., and Tekamah Midwest Service in Burt County.

Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses Sapp Bros., Central Valley Ag, and Tekamah Midwest Service in Burt County.

WATER

Village of Craig

The municipal water system in Craig is supplied by three wells, which have an average depth

of 249 feet. The system, serving the entire population of the village, has a combined pumping capacity of 566 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 48,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 21,350 gallons and the historic peak daily demand is 77,000 gallons. The system has a maximum daily capacity of 863,040 gallons.

The water treatment plant, with a daily capacity of 81,504 gallons, removes iron and manganese from the water. The water table has not changed significantly during the past five years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 527.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Calcium	151
Total Solids	862
Magnesium	36
Iron	1.6
Nitrate	1.2
Manganese	.36
Fluoride	1.3
Sulfate	320
Sodium	70
Total Hardness	527

WATER RATES (effective 2003)

A tapping fee of \$100 is charged for new water service.

Residential & Commercial:

<p>Base Rate: \$20.00 \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons for all use Minimum Bill: \$20.00 per month</p>
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Village of Decatur

The municipal water system in Decatur is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 100 feet. The system, serving the entire community, has a combined pumping capacity of 300 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 102,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 100,000 gallons and the historic peak daily demand is 150,000 gallons. The

maximum daily capacity is 534,000 gallons. The static pressure is 95 pounds and the residual pressure is 55 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. A 93-foot well will produce 392 gallons of water per minute. The water treatment plant, with pressure filters, has a daily capacity of 282,000 gallons. The water table has not changed significantly during the past five years.

The color of the water is clear. The average tap water temperature varies from 52° in winter to 55° in summer.

Chemical Analysis

Fluoride	0.48 ppm
Sulfate	10 mg/l

ppm - parts per million
 mg/l - milligrams per liter

WATER RATES (effective 9/09)

A tapping fee of \$250–\$350 is charged for new water service.

Residential & Commercial (3/4" meter):

<p>Customer Charge: \$15.00 per month Commodity Charge: \$1.25 per 1,000 gal. Minimum Bill: \$15.00 per month</p>
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Residential & Commercial (> 3/4" meter):

<p>Customer Charge: \$50.00 per month Commodity Charge: \$1.25 per 1,000 gal. Minimum Bill: \$50.00 per month</p>
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City of Lyons

The municipal water system in Lyons is supplied by three wells with an average depth of 108 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of the city's population, has a combined pumping capacity of 750 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 200,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 151,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,280,000 gallons. The static pressure is 70 pounds and the residual pressure is 55 pounds per square inch.

The water treatment plant with filter media has a daily capacity of 756,000 gallons. The water table has not changed significantly during the past five years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 20.0. The average tap water temperature varies from 52° in winter to 56° in summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.74
Calcium	340
Total Solids	530
Magnesium	.68
Iron	0.05
Nitrate	0.3
Manganese	0.18
Chloride	32
Fluoride	1.0
Sulfate	43
Total Alkalinity	N/A
Sodium	185
Total Hardness	20.0
Potassium	4.9

WATER RATES (effective 2008)

A tapping fee of \$50 is charged for new water service in Lyons.

Residential, Business, Commercial & Industrial:

99,999,999,999 gal.	\$0.00245 per 1,000 gal.
Minimum Bill:	\$25.50 per month

City of Oakland

The municipal water system in Oakland is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 350 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of the city’s population, has a combined pumping capacity of 600 gallons per minute. The overhead storage capacity of 210,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 232,000 gallons and the historic peak daily demand is 670,000 gallons. The system has a

maximum daily capacity of 1,074,000 gallons. The static pressure varies from 35–70 pounds and the residual pressure varies from 20–40 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. The water treatment plant, with a daily capacity of 720,000 gallons, removes iron and manganese. The water table has not changed significantly during the past 25 years.

The color of the water in Oakland is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 436. The average tap water temperature varies from 55° in winter to 60° in summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.7
Calcium	128
Total Solids	664
Iron	0.3
Nitrate	0.3
Manganese	0.003
Chloride	30
Fluoride	1.1
Sulfate	215
Total Alkalinity	338
Sodium	75.6
Total Hardness	436

WATER RATES (effective 10/09)

A tapping fee of \$200–\$400 is charged for new water service in Oakland.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Customer Charge: \$20.00 per month
\$2.75 per 1,000 gal. used
Minimum Bill: \$22.75 per month

City of Tekamah

The municipal water system in Tekamah is supplied by five wells, which have an average depth of 180 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of the city’s population, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,600 gallons

per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 300,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 185,000 gallons and the historic peak daily demand is 1,000,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,6040,000 gallons. The static pressure averages 82 pounds per square inch.

The quality of water in Tekamah does not necessitate a water treatment plant. The water table has not changed significantly during the past five years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 536. The average tap water temperature varies from 52° in winter to 55° in summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	6.7
Calcium	376
Total Solids	416
Magnesium	160
Iron	0.25
Nitrate	5.25
Manganese	0.9
Chloride	20
Fluoride	0.5
Sulfate	300
Total Alkalinity	328
Sodium	221
Total Hardness	536
Potassium	64

WATER/SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 9/09)

A tapping fee of \$250 minimum is charged for new water service.

All water users pay a monthly water improvement fee of \$9.15 per meter and sewer users pay a monthly sewer improvement fee of \$9.35 per meter and a sewer relining fee of \$2.50 per meter.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

First 1,000 gal.	\$5.00 Minimum
1,001–5,000 gal.	\$1.50 per 1,000 gal.
5,001–10,000 gal.	\$1.75 per 1,000 gal.
10,001–50,000 gal.	\$2.00 per 1,000 gal.
Excess of 50,001 gal.	\$1.25 per 1,000 gal.
Minimum Bill:	\$32.72 per month

SEWERAGE

Village of Craig

Craig has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The two-cell lagoon system lift station was built in 2002 to serve a population of 241.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 2003)

A tapping fee of \$100 is charged for new sewer service.

Residential & Commercial:

\$25.00 per month

Village of Decatur

Decatur has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The mechanical aeration plant was built in 1977 and has a daily capacity of 90,000 gallons. The average daily flow is 20,000 gallons and the historic peak daily discharge is 30,000 gallons.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 9/09):

A \$150 connection fee is charged for new service.

Residential & Commercial:

Customer Charge: \$7.00 per month
\$0.50 per 1,000 gallons of average water used during January, February, and March of the preceding year
Minimum Bill: \$7.00 per month

City of Lyons

Lyons has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The three-cell lagoon system was built in 1965 and has a daily capacity of 576,000 gallons. The average daily flow is 80,000 gallons and the historic peak daily discharge is 1,500,000 gallons.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 9/09):

A tapping fee of \$300 is charged for new residential connections. A tapping fee of \$500 is charged for new commercial or industrial sewer connections.

Residential:

\$0.002 per 1,000 gallons of average water used during the months of January, February, and March
Minimum Bill: \$15.00 per month

Commercial & Industrial:

\$0.002 per 1,000 gallons of water used during current month
Minimum Bill: \$15.00 per month

Improvements to the wastewater treatment system began in July 2009 and are anticipated to be complete in 2010. This \$877,000 project is being financed by a Department of Environmental Quality revolving fund.

City of Oakland

Oakland has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The extended aeration plant was built in 1967 and has a daily capacity of 150,000 gallons. The average daily flow is 170,000 gallons and the historic peak daily discharge is 250,000 gallons.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 10/09)

A tapping fee of \$50 is charged for new sewer connections.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Customer Charge:	\$11.00 per month
First 200,000 gal.	\$0.65 per 1,000 gal.
Minimum Bill:	\$11.65 per month

City of Tekamah

Tekamah has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The lagoon-type system, built in 1963 and updated and expanded with new cells in 1997, has a daily capacity of 300,000 gallons. The average daily flow is 255,000 gallons and the historic peak daily discharge is 2,592,000 gallons.

WATER/SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 9/09):

A tapping fee of \$250 minimum is charged for new water service.

All water users pay a monthly water improvement fee of \$9.15 per meter and sewer users pay a monthly sewer improvement fee of \$9.35 per meter and a sewer relining fee of \$2.50 per meter.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

First 1,000 gal.	\$5.00 Minimum
1,001–5,000 gal.	\$1.50 per 1,000 gal.
5,001–10,000 gal.	\$1.75 per 1,000 gal.
10,001–50,000 gal.	\$2.00 per 1,000 gal.
Excess gal.	\$1.25 per 1,000 gal.
Minimum Bill:	\$32.72 per month

The city is anticipating the repair of 22 blocks of sewer infrastructure at the lagoon site, land application, and one 18-acre lagoon site. This project is anticipated to cost \$1.2 million and will be financed by stimulus funds.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Privately owned waste removal services are available in all communities in Burt County. The cities of Oakland and Tekamah have transfer stations. Residents in Tekamah are charged by the pound for wastes taken to the city’s transfer station. Wastes from Lyons and Tekamah are hauled to a landfill in Douglas County, 57 miles from Lyons and 35 miles from Tekamah. Wastes from Oakland are hauled to the landfill near Clarkson, 50 miles from Oakland; wastes from Decatur are hauled to a landfill in Jackson, 44 miles from Decatur.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES

Residential:

\$12.00 per month per living unit

Commercial & Industrial:

\$20.00 per dumpster per daily pickup

RECYCLING

Lyons, Oakland, and Tekamah have recycling centers that accept newspaper, tin, plastic, cardboard, and white paper. The Tekamah center also accepts magazines, glass, clothes, and shoes. Oakland expanded their recycling building in 2010.



Burt County Public Power District



Water Tower in Lyons



Decatur Fire Department



Lyons Fire Department



Oakland Fire Department



Tekamah Fire Department

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Qwest Communications and American Broadband are the local exchange carriers in the Lyons, Oakland, and Tekamah area, with maintenance personnel located in each community. Both companies are capable of providing business and residential lines. Long distance, market expansion lines, class and custom calling features, high speed Internet, and ISDN services are provided. American Broadband's digital central office has a soft switch and provides fiber service with diverse routing. ISDN, DSL, and all telecom features are available in Lyons, Oakland, and Tekamah. Extended Area Service (EAS) is available from Oakland to Tekamah, Lyons, and West Point. EAS is available from Lyons to Decatur, Tekamah, and Oakland.

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC) is the local exchange carrier for Craig and Decatur. Installation and maintenance personnel live in Craig. The digital central office in Craig is fed by a self-healing fiber ring. The switch is a Siemens DCO. DSL, DS-1, DS-3, and OS-0 services are available. Extended Area Service is available to Decatur, Lyons, and Tekamah.

INTERNET

High-speed Internet service is available in Burt County from the following providers:

American Broadband	www.abbnebraska.net
Northeast Nebraska Telephone	www.nntc.net
Qwest	www.qwest.com

POST OFFICE

The post offices in Oakland and Tekamah provide house-to-house delivery. Each post office in Burt County has one mail receipt and one mail dispatch daily.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up Time	5 p.m.	7 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	10 a.m.	10 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes*	Yes

*Next-day and second-day air service

NEWSPAPER

Weekly papers include the Burt County Plaindealer, the Oakland Independent, and the Lyons Mirror Sun. Daily newspapers delivered locally include the Fremont Tribune and the Omaha World-Herald.

RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KHUB-AM	1340 KHz	Fremont
WOW-AM	590 KHz	Omaha
KFAB-AM	1110 KHz	Omaha
KWPN-FM	107.9 MHz	West Point
KTIC-AM	840 KHz	West Point

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KMTV	3	Omaha, NE
WOW-T	6	Omaha, NE
KETV	7	Omaha, NE
KPTM	42	Omaha, NE
KCAU	9	Sioux City, IA

Cable television and satellite TV are available in Burt County.



Burt County Plaindealer



Oakland Independent

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 80 percent of its actual value. Personal property that is used in a trade or business and is depreciable is subject to tax at its "net book value." All other personal property is exempt from taxation.

Burt County	Actual Valuation		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$682,905,773	\$766,302,622	\$833,226,745
Personal Property	26,363,539	30,093,961	40,013,078
Special (railroad and utilities)	13,729,906	14,653,508	15,662,559
TOTAL	<u>\$722,999,218</u>	<u>\$811,050,091</u>	<u>\$888,902,382</u>

Village of Craig	Actual Valuation		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$3,069,350	\$3,137,560	\$3,124,070
Personal Property	77,789	84,289	75,568
Special (railroad and utilities)	65,917	60,905	113,128
TOTAL	<u>\$3,213,056</u>	<u>\$3,282,754</u>	<u>\$3,312,766</u>

Village of Decatur	Actual Valuation		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$11,717,515	\$11,944,545	\$11,881,590
Personal Property	447,493	411,235	355,496
Special (railroad and utilities)	50,528	482,293	446,466
TOTAL	<u>\$12,215,536</u>	<u>\$12,838,073</u>	<u>\$12,683,552</u>

City of Lyons	Actual Valuation		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$22,465,663	\$22,575,823	\$23,615,925
Personal Property	1,439,481	1,777,549	1,978,039
Special (railroad and utilities)	648,732	683,223	677,948
TOTAL	<u>\$24,553,876</u>	<u>\$25,036,595</u>	<u>\$26,271,912</u>

City of Oakland	Actual Valuation		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$35,939,016	\$36,620,815	\$37,497,650
Personal Property	1,715,269	1,374,788	1,276,269
Special (railroad and utilities)	752,723	779,421	1,037,613
TOTAL	<u>\$38,407,008</u>	<u>\$38,775,024</u>	<u>\$39,811,532</u>

City of Tekamah	Actual Valuation		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$56,240,920	\$56,744,205	\$57,045,210
Personal Property	2,066,502	1,916,783	2,167,839
Special (railroad and utilities)	<u>2,028,167</u>	<u>1,520,843</u>	<u>1,554,538</u>
TOTAL	\$60,335,589	\$60,181,831	\$60,767,587

TAX RATE (Dollars and cents per \$100 of actual value)

Village of Craig	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.886446	\$0.876855	\$0.873892
County	.386790	.344799	.344799
School District	1.110383	1.091038	1.076672
Community College	.082300	.090000	.093540
Educational Service Unit	.014999	.014634	.014781
Natural Resource District	.034848	.033753	.034111
Fire District	.035000	.035000	.035000
Cemetery	<u>.010928</u>	<u>.010434</u>	<u>.010017</u>
TOTAL	\$2.561694	\$2.496513	\$2.482812

Village of Decatur	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.497123	\$0.417946	\$0.318523
County	.386790	.344799	.344799
School District	1.120266	1.080867	1.072625
Community College	.082300	.090000	.093540
Educational Service Unit	.014999	.014643	.014781
Natural Resource District	.034848	.033753	.032756
Fire District	.063310	.058963	.059865
Cemetery	<u>.012630</u>	<u>.011208</u>	<u>.010230</u>
TOTAL	\$2.212266	\$2.052179	\$1.947119

City of Lyons	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.649995	\$0.617096	\$0.630358
County	.386790	.344799	.344799
School District	1.120266	1.080867	1.072625
Community College	.082300	.090000	.093540
Educational Service Unit	.014999	.014643	.014781
Natural Resource District	.035628	.033857	.034111
Fire District	.048683	.049829	.050734
Cemetery	<u>.013817</u>	<u>.012592</u>	<u>.011201</u>
TOTAL	\$2.352478	\$2.243683	\$2.252149

City of Oakland	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.831359	\$0.947355	\$0.834726
County	.386790	.344799	.344799
School District	1.110383	1.091038	1.076672
Community College	.082300	.090000	.093540
Educational Service Unit	.014999	.014643	.014781
Natural Resource District	.035628	.033857	.034111
Fire District	.041447	.041406	.045402
Cemetery	.004810	.004412	.004284
TOTAL	\$2.507716	\$2.567510	\$2.448315

City of Tekamah	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.647989	\$0.766381	\$0.798346
County	.386790	.344799	.344799
School District	1.087662	1.077731	1.081057
Community College	.082300	.090000	.093540
Educational Service Unit	.014999	.014634	.014781
Natural Resource District	.034848	.033753	.032756
Fire District	.035000	.035000	.035000
Cemetery	.043025	.029925	.029913
Airport	.051633	.048609	.034752
TOTAL	\$2.384246	\$2.440832	\$2.464944

The tax rate at the industrial sites outside the city limits of Oakland is \$1.68700 per \$100 of actual value.

CITY SALES TAX

The city of Oakland imposes a 1 percent city sales tax and the cities of Lyons and Tekamah impose a 1.5 percent city sales tax.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of September 2009:

	Craig	Decatur	Lyons	Oakland	Tekamah
City—Revenue Bonds	\$244,000	None	\$2,032,171	\$240,000	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	None	None	None	\$1,300,000	

Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools	None
Oakland-Craig Public Schools	\$371,232
Tekamah-Herman Community Schools	None

County	None
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CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 6/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Village of Craig					
Sewer	2007	\$280,000	\$244,000	6.0	2037

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 8/5/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
City of Lyons					
Revenue					
Water	10/04	\$586,000	\$500,000	4.4082	03/01
Water	5/05	\$695,600	\$655,171	2.5	12/15
Lagoon Renovation	7/09	\$877,000	\$877,000	3.0	12/15

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 8/1/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
City of Oakland					
Revenue					
Highway Allocation	5/15/09	\$240,000	\$240,000	1.75–3.0	2015
General Obligation					
Various Purpose	2006	\$580,000	\$440,000	4.0–4.7	2021
Swimming Pool	2007	\$885,000	\$860,000	4.25–4.60	2020

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 9/30/08	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
City of Tekamah					
General Obligation					
Refunding	9/1/04	\$645,000	\$440,000	1.6–4.1	12/15/14
Various Purpose	5/15/02	\$200,000	\$95,000	5.5–6.15	5/15/11
Highway Allocation	6/1/05	\$125,000	\$110,000	3.4–4.0	6/1/15
Highway Allocation	12/15/07	\$215,000	\$215,000	3.9–4.15	6/1/20

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 11/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Oakland-Craig Public Schools					
Capital Improvements	6/15/08	\$225,000	\$211,232	3.35	8/31/18
Capital Improvements	12/15/08	\$160,000	\$160,000	2.20	8/31/17



Decatur City Hall



Lyons City Office & Auditorium



Oakland City Hall &
Auditorium



Tekamah City Hall & Auditorium



Oakland Police Department



Tekamah Police Department

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Burt County has 12 townships and is governed by a seven-member board of supervisors, who are elected for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2010. The county belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District along with 16 other counties. The 2009–10 budget is \$9,983,601. County zoning classifications are:

A-1	Agricultural-Primary
A-2	Transitional Agricultural
R-1	Residential
R-M	Mobile Home Residential
C-1	Commercial
I-1	Light Industrial
I-2	Heavy Industrial
PUB	Public/Semi-Public Use
PUD-1	Planned Unit Development

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

The villages of Craig and Decatur are governed by a five-member Board of Trustees (one member is the chairman). Each member of the Board of Trustees is elected for a four-year term.

The second-class cities of Lyons, Oakland, and Tekamah have a mayor-city council form of government. The mayor and four council persons in each city are elected for four-year terms.

FIRE PROTECTION

Village of Craig

Fire protection in the community is provided by a 15-member volunteer fire and rescue department. The department provides protection to areas both inside and outside the city limits. Craig has 31 fire hydrants. A new fire hall was built in 2007.

Village of Decatur

Fire protection in Decatur is provided by a 31-member volunteer fire department. The department provides protection to areas both inside and outside the city limits.

Decatur has 35 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification is 7 inside the corporate limits and 9 outside the corporate limits.

Equipment in the Decatur fire department:

<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Description</u>
1975 Ford	1,000 gal. per min.
1979 Dodge	Grass rig
1981 Chevrolet	Grass rig
1989 Ford	750 gal. tanker
1990 GMC	2,250 gal. tanker
1991 Chevrolet	Grass rig
1992 Ford	Rescue unit
1995 Dodge	Grass rig
2000 Chevrolet	First responder
2000 Ford	Rescue truck

City of Lyons

The Lyons Fire District, formed in 2000 by a merger of the city and rural fire districts, is comprised of 35 volunteers, 8 of whom are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians.

Lyons has 59 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 7 and 9 outside the corporate limits.

Equipment in the fire department:

<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Description</u>
1995 Dodge	Grass rig
1994 Dodge	Grass rig
1989 GMC	1,500 gal. tanker
1997 GMC	1,200 gal. per min.
1976 Ford	Personnel carrier
2000 Ford	Ambulance
1993 Ford	Ambulance
1981 Ford	1,000 gal. per min.

City of Oakland

Fire protection is provided in Oakland by a 25-member volunteer fire department; 10 members are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians. Protection is provided both inside and outside the city limits.

Oakland has 93 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification both inside and outside the corporate limits is 10.

Equipment in the fire department:

<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Description</u>
1963 Ford	1,000 gal. tanker
1984 Ford	1,500 gal. tanker
1981 International	1,000 gal. per min.
1997 Ford	1,250 gal. per min.
1984 Chevy	Grass rig
1976 Chevy	Equipment truck
1990 Ford	Ambulance
1994 Ford	Ambulance

City of Tekamah

Fire protection is provided in the community by a 36-member volunteer fire department; 17 members are also Emergency Medical Technicians and 5 are first responders. The combined city/rural fire department also provides protection for areas outside the city limits.

There are 115 fire hydrants in Tekamah. The fire insurance classification is 6 inside the corporate limits and 9 outside the corporate limits.

Equipment in the fire department:

<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Description</u>
1985 Ford	Ambulance
1991 Ford	Ambulance
1961 Ford	1,200 gal. tanker
1978 Ford	500 gal. per min.
1968 Ford	750 gal. per min.
1954 Ford	500 gal. per min.
1983 Ford	2,400 gal. tanker

<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Description</u>
1975 Ford	1-ton truck, jaws of life
1987 Chevrolet	Passenger van
1994 IHC	1,000 gal. per min.
1987 Ford	1-ton truck

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

The **village of Craig** contracts with the Burt County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement in the community.

The **village of Decatur** has one full-time and one part-time police officer. These officers are dispatched through the Burt County Sheriff's Department.

The **Lyons Police Department** is staffed by two full-time and eight part-time police officers. The department has two patrol cars and other standard equipment. Annual expenditures for police protection averaged \$129,000 during the past three years.

The **Oakland Police Department** is staffed by three full-time police officers and six reserve officers. The department has three police cars and other standard equipment.

The **Tekamah Police Department** is staffed by three full-time police officers. The department has three patrol cars and other standard equipment.

Sheriff's Department

The Burt County Sheriff's Department is staffed by five officers and five support personnel. The department has six patrol vehicles and other standard equipment. The department operates the 911 dispatch center and operates the countywide patrol.

The department installed a new radio system in 2008 enabling contact with other law enforcement agencies in Nebraska.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in 2008:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Burt County	1.1	6.2
Nebraska	3.0	30.9
U.S.	4.5	32.1

State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk. Five patrol officers serve Burt County; one officer lives in the county.

STREETS

Craig has 6.5 miles of streets in the community; 4.5 miles are hard-surfaced with armor coat. Twenty percent of the streets have curbs and 52 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes snow removal, curb cleaning, and armor coating.

Decatur has ten miles of streets; eight miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, asphalt, and bituminous. Truck routes are established in the community. Thirty-five percent of the streets have curbs and 50 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance equipment includes snow removal equipment and a sander.

Lyons has 15 miles of streets; 13 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete. There are no local load restrictions. Eighty-five percent of the streets have curbs and 65 percent have sidewalks.

Snow removal is completed by the city and street sweeping is contracted.

There are 35 miles of streets in **Oakland**, 34 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, asphalt, or brick. There are no local load restrictions. Ninety-five percent of the streets have curbs and 80 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance equipment includes a street sweeper, sprinkler, snow remover, and tractor with loader.

Tekamah has 26 miles of streets; 25.5 miles are hard-surfaced with armor coat or concrete. Load restrictions of five tons are enforced in Tekamah. Sixty percent of the streets have curbs and sidewalks.

Street maintenance equipment includes a street sweeper, four trucks, loader, grader, and snow removal equipment.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The Uniform Building Codes are enforced in Lyons and Tekamah.

Local zoning classifications are:

Village of Decatur

- AG Agriculture
- RL Low Density Residential
- RH High Density Residential
- C Commercial
- I Industrial

City of Lyons

- Medium Density Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Downtown Commercial
- General Commercial
- Highway Commercial
- Light Industrial
- Transitional Agriculture

City of Oakland

- TA-1 Transitional Ag
- R-1 Low Density Residential
- R-2 Medium Density Residential
- C-1 Highway Commercial
- C-2 Downtown Commercial
- C-3 General Commercial
- I-1 Light Industrial
- I-2 Heavy Industrial

City of Tekamah

- AG Agriculture
- TA Transitional Agriculture
- R-1 Single Family Residential
- R-2 Multiple Family Residential
- C-1 General Commercial
- C-2 Highway Commercial
- I-1 Light Industrial
- RM Mobile Home Residential (overlay)
- G Gateway Corridor Protection (overlay)

PLANNING

The Planning Commission in **Decatur** is comprised of nine members, who are appointed for three-year terms by the village board. A comprehensive plan for Decatur was prepared in 2001 by Hanna:Keelan Associates of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Planning Commission in **Lyons** is comprised of five members. Members are appointed by the Mayor for five-year terms. A comprehensive plan for Lyons was prepared by JEO of Wahoo, Nebraska, in 2002.

The **Oakland** Planning Commission is comprised of five members appointed by the city council for three-year terms. JEO of Wahoo, Nebraska, prepared the 2001 comprehensive plan for Oakland.

Tekamah has a nine-member Planning Commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the city council for three-year terms. A comprehensive plan for Tekamah was updated in 1985 by Hanna:Keelan of Lincoln, Nebraska and updated in 2009 by Shemmer & Associates. The zoning ordinance was updated by JEO of Wahoo, Nebraska, in 2004.



Burt County Courthouse

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary	15	118	1:12	1:2
Jr.–Sr. High School	19	132	1:9	1:1

School District 20 in Burt County covers 132 square miles and has a 2009 actual valuation of \$214,312,691. This Class 3, Type K–12 district is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools has an elementary school in Lyons. The junior-senior high school in Lyons was built in 1963 with additions in 1978 and 1996. The schools have a maximum capacity of approximately 700 students.

The 2008–09 operating expenses totaled \$3,079,000 with an average cost per student of \$10,830.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7 th Grade Terra Nova	100	661.1
ACT	68	21.4

It is estimated that 99 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 90 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree and 10 percent of the seniors enter the job market or

the military after graduation. In 2008, 100 percent of the students graduated.

Lyons-Decatur Northeast Public School offers a wide variety of course offerings from Preschool through 12th grade and coordinates adult course offerings through a distance learning classroom. Adult education classes are offered through community colleges and local organizations.

High school classes are available for college credit through the community college network. Students can also enroll in web-based courses for college credit. This provides a wide array of opportunities for any student.

A “one to one” initiative began in fall 2009 where students in selected high school grades are given a laptop computer to use for educational purposes 24/7. This allows for instruction to continue outside the classroom and keeps students engaged even when students or teachers are absent.

Northeast provides a wide variety of opportunities outside the classroom in activities and athletics. Northeast is proud of the accomplishments of all their organizations at the state level and the accomplishments of the FFA and FBLA at the national level.

Oakland-Craig Public Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary	14	238	1:10	1:10
Jr.–Sr. High School	18	210	1:10	1:5

School District 14 in Burt County covers 127 square miles and has a 2009 actual valuation of \$265,956,287, with an actual vacation of \$593,652 per student. This Class 3, Type K–12 district is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Oakland-Craig Public Schools elementary school in Oakland was built in 1984 and has a maximum capacity of 250. The junior-senior high school in Oakland was built in 1917 with an addition in 1949 and has a maximum capacity of 500.

The 2008–09 operating expenses totaled \$4,339,566, with an average cost of \$11,282 per student.

It is estimated that 98 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 85 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and

15 percent of the seniors enter the job market of join the military after graduation.

Vocational programs offered include family consumer sciences, industrial arts, business, and agriculture.

Oakland-Craig has special classrooms as well as adaptive programs for the mentally and physically handicapped students.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Iowa Test of Basic Skills	100	75
ACT	88	22.7

Tekamah-Herman Public Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (Pre–K–6)	24	371	1:14	1:3
Jr.–Sr. High School (7–12)	28	273	1:12	1:2

School District 1 in Burt and Washington Counties covers 269 square miles and has a 2008–09 actual valuation of \$440,034,085, with an actual valuation per student of \$721,36. This Class 3, type Pre–K–12 district is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Tekamah-Herman Public Schools has elementary schools in Tekamah and Herman. The junior-senior high school in Tekamah, with a maximum capacity of 1,000, was built in 1933 with additions in 1955 and 1972.

The 2008–09 operating expenses totaled \$5,654,724, with an average cost per student of \$8,410.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
8th Grade— Statewide Assessments		
- Writing	100	100.0
- Math	100	91.2
- Reading	100	100.0
- Science	100	97.5
ACT	72	21.5

It is estimated that 94 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 82 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 18 percent of the graduating seniors enter the job market or military after graduation.



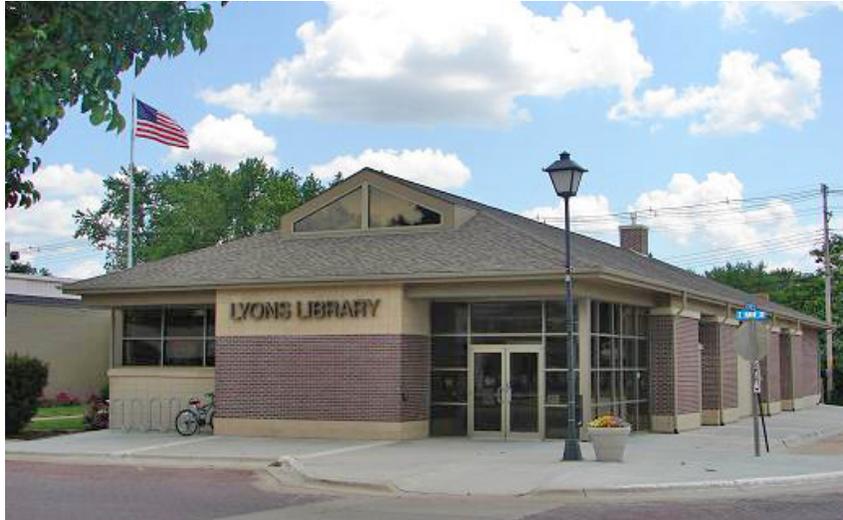
Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools



Oakland-Craig Public Schools



Tekamah-Herman Public Schools



Lyons Public Library



Oakland Public Library



Tekamah Carnegie Public Library

Vocational programs offered include business and technology, agriculture, family and consumer science, welding, automotive, and applied technology.

Tekamah-Herman has a Distance Learning Center with courses (both college credit and dual credit) offered through Wayne State College, Northeast Community College, and the County Extension Office (adult education in non-credit courses).

Tekamah-Herman offers special needs programs on- or off-site. Off-site transportation is provided by the district. In special cases, computer home study is available.

Tekamah-Herman contracts for special needs services with Brooke Valley (Millard), Heartland School (Omaha), and Washington Elementary (Omaha).

In May 2009 the Tekamah-Herman Schools Foundation awarded approximately \$60,000 in scholarships to 24 graduates and 38 past graduates currently attending post-secondary colleges and universities. In May 2010, more than \$100,000 in scholarships will be awarded. In addition, approximately 10 percent of the interest from the major gifts will be earmarked for special projects.

Educational Service Unit

Burt County is served by Educational Service Unit 2, which is headquartered in Fremont and serves 14 counties. Services available include counseling, special education, early development network, Title I, professional development center, technology, distance learning, web services, media services, and cooperative purchasing.

Community College

Burt County is part of the **Northeast Community College (NECC)** service area. The college, governed by an 11-member elected board, serves 20 counties in northeast Nebraska from the main campus located in Norfolk, 70 miles northwest of Tekamah, and through regional education centers located in O'Neill, South Sioux City, and West Point. Enrollment at NECC for 2008–09 included 7,326 students taking credit courses and 18,316 students

taking noncredit classes or 3,133 full-time equivalent students. Northeast also provided adult education classes for 1,299 students in 2008–09. Those students were taking classes for the acquisition of basic math and English skills, English as a Second Language, English language civics, General Educational Development (GED) for a high school diploma, or preparation for the Naturalization Test.

NECC offers more than 70 concentrations of study preparing students for immediate employment or transfer to a four-year college or university. Some 729 students completed their studies for a diploma or degree during the 2008–09 academic year. According to the latest Graduate Employment Report, 99 percent of the 2008 graduates seeking employment found jobs.

The Graduate Employment Report also showed that 35 percent of the 2008 graduates chose to continue their education, with 93 percent transferring to a Nebraska institution of higher learning. Other data confirm that college transfer students from NECC who continue their education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln do as well as, or better, than native and other transfer students.

The Business and Industry Division of NECC works with area industries, retail, and service establishments, agriculture, and other agencies in planning employee development and training. The programs can be delivered on-site at the company or at the state-of-the-art facilities at NECC. Training is arranged at any time of the day or evening to meet the organization's special needs.

The Business and Industry Division served 214 employers and trained more than 6,000 employees through customized training workshops and seminars in fiscal year 2008–09. The division also worked with nine communities on strategic planning and economic development initiatives. More than 20 individuals seeking to start or expand their businesses received assistance through this division. An additional four minority-owned businesses were provided startup assistance and consulting services. NECC also assisted in recruiting several new companies and divisions to the region.

The Business and Industry Division also assisted four area ethanol plants with start-up and expansion training through Nebraska Advantage customized training.

The **205-acre main campus in Norfolk** includes 25 buildings with classroom, shop, and lab facilities; library/resource center; student center; an activities center with gym and theater; the Lifelong Learning Center; and residence halls and 2 apartment buildings for student living. Northeast also owns a 566-acre college farm with all facilities necessary for teaching farm operations.

Northeast Community College's library in Norfolk, with its 26,000 books, approximately 35,000 electronic books, and 146 magazines and journals, is open to the residents of Northeast's 20-county service area. The library also offers 57 different newspapers, including those published in the 20 counties in northeast Nebraska. The library is part of the ONELibrary Consortium which includes the public libraries of Columbus, Norfolk, South Sioux City, Scottsbluff, Schuyler, and Wayne, and the libraries of Central Community College and Northeast Community College.

Northeast Community College continues to grow. The \$2.7-million, 36,800-square-foot Utility Line Building was dedicated in August 2007. Northeast's professional truck driver training program is also located in the facility, which accommodates more than 100 full-time utility line students on a daily basis and up to 48 truck driving students a year.

A unique partnership between Northeast Community College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Nursing calls for construction of a 34,973-square-foot facility on Northeast's campus in Norfolk. The facility, now under construction, will house all of Northeast's nursing programs including the basic nurse aide (commonly called the certified nurse aide), licensed practical nursing, and associate degree nursing and bachelor's and graduate nursing programs from the UNMC College of Nursing Northern Division. An \$11.9-million

capital campaign, believed by some to be the largest capital campaign in northeast Nebraska history, was recently completed with a donation of well over \$1,000,000 from J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh. The building will be named the J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh College of Nursing and will open in late summer 2010.

The \$7.9-million, 40,025-square-foot College Welcome Center on the Northeast campus in Norfolk opened in October 2009. It houses most Student Services' and Administrative Services' functions. Designed to be a "one-stop shop," the facility includes a welcome/reception area, testing and academic advisement area, financial aid offices, student counseling facilities, and the business offices for payment of tuition and fees.

The College Welcome Center is also home to recruitment/admissions, disabilities services, adaptive technology center, career services, registration and records, and veteran's services. Prospective students begin their college tours from this facility, which also has conference rooms.

Enrollments continue to grow at the 10,000-square-foot **Northeast Community College Education Center in South Sioux City**, which opened in 2005. Currently students can earn associate degrees in academic transfer, administrative assistant-general, administrative assistant-medical, business administration, business management, behavioral science, criminal justice-corrections, and elementary education. Nursing classes are also offered, as are vocational classes, continuing education, and customized training for business and industry at this location. A one-year welding diploma and industrial technology diploma can also be earned in South Sioux City.

Ground was recently broken for the College Center at South Sioux City. The center will be built on 57 acres of prime real estate along U.S. Highway 77, donated to Northeast by South Sioux City Community Development Agency. Students will be able to take their freshman and sophomore classes from Northeast Community College and continue their education from Wayne State College, all in the same

location. The Nebraska Legislature appropriated \$3.5 million for Wayne State's share of the facility. Tentative opening date of the College Center is late 2010.

Northeast tentatively plans to offer associate of arts degrees with an emphasis in academic transfer, accounting, behavioral science, business administration, criminal justice/corrections, early childhood education, elementary education, journalism, and library technical assistant. Associate of applied science degrees in administrative assistant-medical or general, business-marketing option, and accounting are also tentatively planned. These programs may be delivered via a combination of traditional classes, interactive television classes, and online classes.

A 6,240-square-foot building near U.S. Highway 77 in South Sioux City is currently being used by Northeast Community College as a training site to meet the growing needs of business and industry. That building will be replaced by a new 5,750-square-foot Industrial Training Building on the College

Center grounds, scheduled to be completed in May 2010.

The **Northeast Education Center in West Point** is comprised of 8,000-square-feet in the Shirley and Jake Weber Education Center, which is a part of the \$5.4 million Donald E. Nielsen Community Center, dedicated in August 2008. Construction of NECC's portion of the building was financed with a \$500,000 grant from the Louis and Abby Faye Dinklage Foundation and a \$250,000 gift from Hank and Mona Stalp.

The Northeast Education Center contains five classrooms, four offices, a conference room/COMPASS testing/mobile ITV classroom, student lounge, registration area, lobby area, workroom, and storeroom. General education, nursing, business, English as a Second Language, computer training, business/industry training, and continuing/community education classes are offered.

For more information on Northeast Community College, visit www.northeast.edu or call (800) 348-9033.

Northeast Community College Representative Sample of the Class of 2009		
Program	Degree/Certificate*	Conferred
Accounting	A.A. & A.A.S.	11
Administrative Assistant (Medical)	A.A., A.A.S. & 1-year diploma	22
Agriculture	A.A.S., A.A. & A.S.	66
Audio Recording Technology	A.A.S.	9
Auto/Auto Body Technology	A.A.S.	13
Building Construction	A.A.S.	21
Diesel Technology	A.A.S.	31
Electrical Construction & Control	A.A.S.	22
Nursing-LPN (Licensed Practical)	1-year diploma	44
Nursing-ADN (Registered Nursing)	A.D.N.	52
Utility Line	A.A.S.	37

*Key to abbreviations: A.A.S. - Associate of Applied Science; A.A. - Associate of Arts; A.S. - Associate of Science; A.D.N. - Associate Degree Nursing

Lifelong Learning Center

The Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College in Norfolk serves the business and professional community through a variety of uses. The 20,000-square-foot educational wing includes two classrooms which can be opened into one large room, two distance-learning classrooms, a computer center for software training, and the conference center that can be divided into six rooms and accommodate up to 700 people. Full technology, including video conferencing, and food services are available to make the center a highly-desirable location for meetings, training activities, and conferences.

In addition to the associate degree and continuing education programs offered through NECC, the Lifelong Learning Center serves as a clearinghouse for educational offerings from Educational Service Unit 8, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Northeast Research and Extension Center, UNL Extension in Madison County, and Wayne State College, as well as other public and private institutions. Using state-of-the-art, distance-education technology and live instruction, several bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees are offered, including computer science and engineering, industrial management systems engineering, and two MBA programs.

For more information on the Lifelong Learning Center, its programs and facilities, call the facility's coordinator at (402) 844-7246.

Colleges and Universities

Wayne State College (WSC) located in Wayne, 63 miles northwest of Tekamah, serves approximately 3,600 students from throughout Nebraska and Iowa as well as more than 28 other states and 24 foreign countries. At the undergraduate level, WSC offers more than 70 nonteaching majors and minors

plus 38 various teaching endorsements in four academic schools including arts and humanities, business and technology, education and counseling, and natural and social sciences. Masters degrees are also available in business, education, and organizational management.

Of those undergraduate students declaring a major, approximately 12 percent major in the arts and humanities, 22 percent in education and counseling, 26 percent in business and technology, and 40 percent in natural and social sciences.

Founded in 1891, the college became a State College in 1909. The picturesque 128-acre campus serves as a state arboretum and features a walking/jogging trail, numerous indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, a renovated and expanded Student Center, a state-of-the-art business building, and a new studio arts building.

The Office of Continuing Education at Wayne State College offers undergraduate and graduate coursework via Internet and distance learning. In addition, a variety of courses are also offered on site in several area cities. Schedules and course offerings vary.

Groundbreaking for the College Center of South Sioux City was held in 2009. The College Center of South Sioux City will partner with Northeast Community College and Wayne State College in the same building. Northeast and Wayne State will offer additional opportunities for students to earn associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees without having to relocate; a combination of customized training for businesses and industry, continuing education, licensing programs, and career and technical training. Construction on the approximately 39,600-square-foot facility should be completed in December 2010.

For more information, contact Wayne State College at (800) 228-9972 or visit www.wsc.edu.

Wayne State College				
Program	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Majors*	Degrees**	Majors*	Degrees**
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	35	5	—	—
Art	43	5	—	—
Business	431	129	76	16
Chemistry	53	22	—	—
Computer Information Systems	71	13	—	—
Computer Science	29	2	—	—
Counselor Education/Counseling	—	—	57	11
Criminal Justice	174	37	—	—
Curriculum & Instruction	—	—	234	170
Early Childhood	20	3	—	—
Early Childhood Education	109	22	—	—
Elementary Education	360	49	—	—
English	75	10	—	—
Exercise Science	77	17	5	1
Family & Consumer Sciences	56	12	—	—
French Education	1	0	—	—
Geography	27	7	—	—
Graphic Design	62	12	—	—
Health & PE	90	7	—	—
History	69	8	—	—
Human Service Counseling	87	27	—	—
Industrial Technology	136	32	—	—
Interdisciplinary Studies	2	5	—	—
Life Sciences	107	26	—	—
Mass Communication	40	7	—	—
Mathematics	38	5	—	—
Middle Level Education	24	5	—	—
Modern Language and Culture-French	—	1	—	—
Music	77	4	—	—
Natural Sciences	10	—	—	—
Organizational Management	—	—	34	7
Physical Science	4	1	—	—
Political Science	37	5	—	—
Pre-Professional	254	—	—	—
Psychology	64	17	—	—
School Administration	—	—	153	38
Social Sciences	47	6	—	—
Sociology	11	8	—	—
Spanish	33	6	—	—
Special Education	76	10	5	2
Speech Communications	44	12	—	—
Sport Management	114	24	—	1
Technology	8	2	—	—
Theatre	13	6	—	—
Undeclared	313	—	—	—
TOTAL	3,321	569	564	246

*Includes first and second majors for fall 2009 (as of 9/30/09)

**Includes Degrees Awarded December 2008 through August 2009

Other Schools

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by Burt County high school graduates include:

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Blair Dana College	16
Fremont Midland Lutheran College	42
Omaha University of Nebraska at Omaha Creighton University College of St. Mary Metro Community College	45
Wayne Wayne State College	63
Lincoln University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan University Southeast Community College, Lincoln Campus	84

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Assembly of God	1
Baptist	4
Catholic	2
Evangelical	2
Lutheran, ELCA	3
Nondenominational	1
Presbyterian	2
United Methodist	5

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Golden Hills Community Action is a private, non-profit corporation, located in Wisner, providing health and human services to a 14-county area of northeast Nebraska. The major service areas include family services, early childhood education, weatherization, and health and nutritional services.

Three Rivers Housing Development Corporation is a non-profit corporation whose goal is to provide affordable housing for qualified residents in a four-county area. The office is located in Tekamah.

HEALTH CARE

Hospital

The **Oakland Mercy Hospital** was built in 1950 with an addition in 1968. A medical clinic was attached to the hospital in 1985. The facility has 23 acute care beds and 23 extended care beds. The hospital, certified by Medicare, provides inpatient and outpatient services, specialty clinics, 24-hour emergency room, surgery, radiology, and laboratory services.

The hospital is governed by an 11-member board of directors, 5 from Oakland, and has a management contract with Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa, 48 miles from Oakland. The board is currently considering an addition and renovation or possibly construction of a new hospital at an estimated cost of \$6 million.

Burt County residents also utilize the Memorial Hospital in Blair, 16 miles south, as well as facilities in Omaha, Fremont, Pender, and West Point.

Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department, formed in 2002, promotes and assures maximized health for all the residents and communities of Burt, Cuming, Madison, and Stanton Counties through assessment, collaboration, policy, and program development such as communicable disease surveillance, emergency preparedness, Every Woman Matters, health and wellness, medical reserve corps, minority health, Operation Great Start, school nursing, and substance abuse.

Clinics

The Oakland Mercy Hospital has two affiliated medical clinics—**Oakland Medical Clinic** attached to the hospital and **Lyons Medical Clinic** in Lyons.



Oakland Mercy Hospital



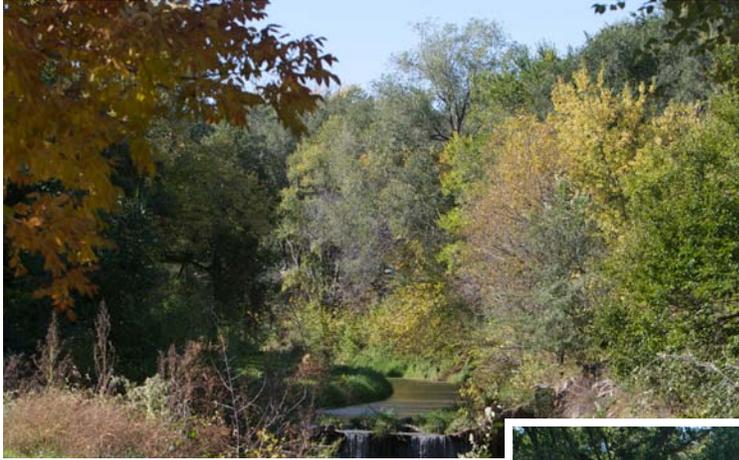
Oakland Heights Nursing Home



Logan Valley Manor in Lyons



Tekamah Nursing Center



Creek in Decatur's Beck Park



City Park in Craig



City Park in Lyons



The Island in Lyons

MCH Physicians Cottonwood Clinic in Tekamah offers x-ray, EKG, laboratory, minor surgery, obstetrics, gynecology, geriatrics, preventive medicine, gastrointestinal medicine, flexible sigmoidoscopes, colonoscopies, women's health, and urgent care.

NURSING HOMES

Oakland Heights, built in Oakland in 1975, has a capacity for 45 beds. This facility is licensed by the state of Nebraska as a nursing facility and certified by Medicare and Medicaid. Services include dietary, housekeeping, occupational and physical therapy, podiatry, speech/language pathology, social work, and activities. Oakland Heights also has a 22-bed assisted living unit.

Logan Valley Manor is a 65-bed long-term nursing facility in Lyons. This Medicare-certified facility provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and adult day care.

The **Tekamah Nursing Center** was built in 1964 with a capacity of 55 beds. It is licensed as a Skilled/Medicare facility with 12 Medicare beds. Speech, occupational, and physical therapies are offered. The center is staffed by professionals on a 24-hour basis.

LIBRARY

Lyons Public Library contains 9,000 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 10,000. Internet is available to the public. The library has computer classes and reading programs and holds fund raisers. This building, completed in 2006, was funded by fund raisers and a community development block grant.

The **Oakland Public Library** contains 16,463 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 21,600. The library has interlibrary loan, computer lab, laminator, fax, drop box, and microfiche. Library activities include summer reading program, storytime, movie nights, book clubs, and puppet theatre.

The **Tekamah Carnegie Public Library** contains 15,877 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 27,760. The library, with an electronic card catalog and interlibrary loan

service, has fiction and nonfiction books, large print books, magazines, videos, and audios. Several computers with Internet access are available to the public. The library has a teen room, children's room, and quiet area as well as a typewriter, copy machine, game computers, fax machine, and scanner. Learn-A-Test and the Nebraska Access database are also available. Library activities include story hour, tot time, Twixt club, teen text, summer reading program, revolving art gallery (local artists), and book delivery for the homebound.

RECREATION

The **village of Craig** has one park with playground equipment, tennis court, ball field, pavilion, rest rooms, and basketball court.

The **village of Decatur** has two parks with standard playground equipment. A tennis court is located across the street from the school.

The **city of Lyons** has two parks covering ten acres. Facilities include playground equipment, swimming pool, two baseball fields, sand volleyball, tennis courts, and fishing. Swimming lessons and softball and baseball programs are available.

The **city of Oakland** has two parks that cover more than 40 acres. Park facilities include playground equipment, picnic areas, shelters, swimming pool, tennis court, basketball court, sand volleyball court, and two baseball diamonds. Programs are offered in swimming, tennis, softball, basketball, baseball, walking, horseshoes, running, and bike riding.

The **city of Tekamah** has five parks covering five city blocks. Facilities include picnic areas and shelters, playground equipment, ball diamonds, swimming pool, tennis courts, basketball court, horseshoe pits, rest rooms, and sand volleyball court. Electrical hookups and dumping stations are available for campers. Activities in Tekamah include arts, softball, baseball, golf, swimming, wrestling, court and sand volleyball, fishing, hunting, rodeo, and trap and clay target shooting.

Happy Day’s Senior Citizens Center in Lyons, Golden Oaks Senior Center in Oakland, and the Chatt Senior Center in Tekamah provide programs such as cards, pool leagues, day trips, and arts and crafts.

Burt County Recreational Facilities:

- Boating — Summit Lake and Pelican Point State Recreation Areas, Missouri River, Beck Park
- Bowling — 8-lane alley in Tekamah
- Campgrounds — Oakland City Park, Beck Park in Decatur, City Park in Lyons, North Park, Summit Lake, Pelican Park in Tekamah
- Fishing — Summit Lake, Missouri River, and Logan Creek offer a variety of pan fish

- Golf Courses — 18-hole and 9-hole grass greens courses with clubhouses in Oakland and Tekamah respectively
- Hunting — Excellent hunting for a variety of game including pheasant, quail, duck, goose, squirrel, rabbit, deer, and turkey; commercial hunting available
- Sand Volleyball — 2 courts in Lyons
- Swimming — Pools in Lyons, Oakland, and Tekamah and swimming at the state recreation areas
- Tennis — Courts in Decatur and Lyons
- Theaters — Within 17 miles

Annual events in Burt County:

Event	City/Village	Month	Activities
Oakland Swedish Festival (held odd numbered years)	Oakland	June	Craft shows, dancing, displays, Swedish food, foot races, Swedish programs
Hoot Gibson Rodeo	Tekamah	June	Rodeo
Riverfront Days	Decatur	June	Boat-in breakfast, parade, carnival, dance
Bluegrass Festival	Lyons	July	Barbecue, carnival, fireworks, parade, games, live music
Party in the Park	Oakland	July	Music, fireworks, games, food
Fourth of July Parade	Tekamah	July	Parade, fireworks, food
Burt County Fair	Oakland	August	Carnival, demolition derby, figure 8 racing, livestock judging

Summit Lake State Recreation Area is a 190-acre lake built by the Natural Resources District on 345 acres. This area offers boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, trailer dump station, and swimming beach. There are 27 camper pads and an additional 42 designated campsites. Summit Lake is a major flyway for ducks and geese.

Pelican Point State Recreation Area is a 36-acre tract of land adjacent to the Missouri River. This

area has a picnic shelter and 17 trailer pads. A boat ramp provides access to the Missouri River.

The **Golden Spring/Blackbird Rest Area**, 22 miles north of Tekamah, provides picnic facilities and a scenic overview of the Missouri River.

Outdoor recreational facilities in Burt County include **Cedar Hills Range**, a clay/rifle range; **K-D Hunting Acres**, a commercial pheasant



Lyons Swimming Pool



Oakland Swimming Pool



Tekamah Swimming Pool



Burt County Museum



Swedish Heritage Museum



Cedar Apartments in Decatur



Maple Villa in Decatur



Lyons Apartments West



Lyons Apartments East



Maplewood in Oakland



East Meadows Senior Housing in Tekamah



Lake Street Apartments in Tekamah



The Village in Tekamah

hunting operation; and many goose blinds along the Missouri River.

The **Swedish Heritage Museum** contains articles depicting the ethnic heritage of the community. Fine arts, traveling exhibits, and special speakers are among the programs held in the center.

Each year visitors from throughout the United States sign the guest book at the historic Houston House, home of the **Burt County Museum**. From its basement to the third-floor ballroom, the colonial-style residence is filled with artifacts chronicling the early years in Burt County. The museum became the third Tekamah site to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Also in the Register is the Spielman House, a historical private residence, and the John Henry Stork Log House, southeast of the city.

Burt County is home to two wineries, which are located outside of Tekamah—**Silver Hills Winery** and **Big Cottonwood Vineyards and Winery**.

Kristi's Antiques, located in Lyons, is home of the Midwest's largest supplier of quality American antique, original finish oak, walnut, and mahogany furniture.

Cultural activities include the Lyons Art Club, Tekamah Area Arts Council, Oakland Players Theatrical Group, Oakland Art Club, and Oakland Community Choir.

HOUSING

New Construction

There were 36 new homes constructed in Burt County in the past three years and it is estimated 12 will be built in 2010. The cost of new home construction averages \$80 per square foot.

Burt County Housing Market (as of 9/09):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 29

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home
 3,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$120,000
 2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$96,000
 1,000 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$79,000

Number of Single Family Homes for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000 26
 \$100,001–\$150,000 3

Rentals

New 2-bedroom home \$509
 Apartment Vacancy Rate 22%

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Name	Location	No. of Units
Maple Villa	Decatur	24
Cedar Apartments	Decatur	4
Logan Valley Manor	Lyons	65
Four Trees	Oakland	24
Maplewood	Oakland	10
Willowwood	Oakland	8
East Meadows Senior Housing	Tekamah	12
Lake Street Apartments	Tekamah	8
The Village	Tekamah	26
Evista Village	Lyons	17
Lyons Apartments West	Lyons	6
Lyons Apartments East	Lyons	12

Assisted Living

Oakland Heights Nursing Home has 22 assisted living units.

FINANCIAL

Financial institutions in Burt County include:

First National Bank Northeast, branches in
Lyons, Oakland & Tekamah

First Nebraska Bank, Decatur

Washington County Bank, Tekamah



Northridge Golf Club in Tekamah



Oakland Country Club

COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys.....	3
Auctioneers	2
Certified Public Accountants	6
Chiropractors.....	1
Dentists	2
Medical Doctors (residing in Burt County)	
—family practitioners	3
—ophthalmologists	1
—radiologists	1
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—cardiologists	1
—gastroenterologists	1
—general surgeons.....	1
—oncologists	1
—ophthalmologists	1
—pathologists	1
—podiatrists	1
Nurse Practitioners.....	9
Nurses, Registered	15
Optometrists.....	1
Pharmacists	1
Physician Assistants	1
Surveyors	1
Veterinarians	1

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	4
Agricultural Implement Dealers	3
Agricultural Products	9
Antique Shops.....	3
Apparel Stores—combination.....	1
—women’s	1
Auto Repair & Service.....	14
Auto Supply Parts	1
Automobile Dealers (new & used)	5
Aviation Seeding & Spraying	1
Bakeries.....	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums	4
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops.....	15
Cabins/Rentals	10
Car Washes.....	1
Caterers	1
Child Care Services.....	6

Contractors—building.....	4
—carpentry.....	4
—concrete.....	3
—electric.....	5
—excavating.....	4
—flooring.....	1
—general.....	8
—gravel.....	8
—heating & air conditioning.....	8
—painting.....	4
—plumbing.....	8
—remodeling & repairing.....	9
—roofing.....	3
—well digging.....	1
Computer Repair Shops.....	1
Convenience Stores.....	5
Craft Stores.....	1
Dance Studios.....	1
Discount Stores.....	1
Dog Grooming & Kennels.....	2
Drug Stores.....	1
Farm/Ranch Supplies.....	3
Feedlots (commercial & private).....	2
Fertilizers.....	5
Floral Shops.....	3
Funeral Homes.....	3
Garbage Collectors.....	1
Gift Shops.....	5
Grain Dealers.....	5
Grocery Stores.....	3
Hardware Stores.....	3
Health Clubs.....	2
Hunting (private).....	3
Industrial Equipment & Supplies.....	3
Insurance Companies.....	14
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	3
Lawn Services.....	1
Lumberyards.....	1
Marinas.....	1
Monument Company.....	1
Motels.....	2 (14 rooms)
Motorcycle Repairs.....	1
Nurseries & Garden Centers.....	2
Pest Control.....	1
Photography Studios.....	3
Printers.....	3
Real Estate Firms.....	7
Restaurants.....	21
Service Stations.....	7
Sod Companies.....	5

Specialized Shops	3
Thrift Shops	1
Title Companies	1
Tree Services.....	1
Vacation Rentals.....	3
Welding Shops	4



Senior Center in Decatur



Senior Center in Oakland



Chatt Senior Center in Tekamah



Some of the Churches in Burt County

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Burt County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	549	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	275,041	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	501	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$145,873,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$265,707	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	42,938	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	15.6%	18.8%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2004–2008)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	27,920 tons	4,232,000 tons
Corn for Grain	18,717,400 bu.	1,326,770,000 bu.
Soybeans	4,746,600 bu.	225,334,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2005–2009)		
All Cattle	24,700	6,470,000

Burt County ranked ninth in Nebraska counties in the production of soybeans in 2007.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2004–2009
2007 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

Nonmetallic minerals of sand and gravel are available in limited quantities in the county; however, there are no metallic minerals available locally.

Native hardwood such as burr oak, ash, walnut, elm, and cottonwood are available in limited quantities. Approximately 12,000 acres of land in the area have 34 percent or more tree cover.

More than 500 acres of bluegrass sod is grown in the area for commercial use. Burt County is ranked number one in Nebraska in the production of sod.



Winery in Burt County

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	11.0	21.2	31.2	0.71	6.6	75	63
February	15.2	25.6	35.9	0.94	6.9	77	63
March	25.7	36.7	47.9	1.78	6.1	78	59
April	38.4	50.8	63.2	2.93	1.3	76	53
May	49.8	61.9	74.1	4.14	0.1	79	55
June	59.6	71.5	83.6	4.40	0.0	79	56
July	64.0	76.4	88.8	3.48	0.0	85	63
August	61.7	74.0	86.4	3.61	0.0	86	62
September	52.4	65.5	78.4	3.13	0.0	84	60
October	40.6	53.7	66.8	2.00	0.6	78	55
November	27.3	38.0	48.9	1.31	2.2	79	65
December	16.1	25.7	35.4	0.90	5.9	77	67
Annual	38.5	50.1	61.7	29.34	29.7	79	60

*Recorded at Omaha North Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability	April 26
Average date of fall freeze probability	October 9
Average length of freeze free season probability	168 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,478
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	1,071
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average)	11
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	SSE

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1893–2009, www.hprcc.unl.edu



Hunting in Burt County



Summit Lake in Burt County



Beck Park in Decatur and Public Boat Ramp to the Missouri River



Scenic View of the Missouri River from Burt County



View of the Missouri River from Blackbird Scenic Overview



Scenic View from Decatur