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## Neaton Rome Announces Expansion

**N**eaton Rome, Inc. announced plans to expand their operations in Rome and Floyd County. The expansion is adding airbag production to the plant's operations. Neaton, who currently employs 150 people, plans to add twenty new full-time jobs and will invest \$6 million to expand their facility and add new equipment. The company currently manufactures steering wheels and other plastic parts for Honda and Nissan vehicles. "We look forward to continued growth in Rome and Floyd County and anticipate that this expansion will prove to be successful for the community and company," stated *Senior Plant Manager* at Neaton **Tomoyuki Watanabe**. Neaton is going to use *Coosa Valley Technical College's Quick Start*

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## New Charter School

**F**loyd County Technical High School is on the way to becoming a world class technical center. A committee has officially begun the task of turning the county's technology center into a charter school. The committee is composed of representatives from business, industry, education and parents of the community. "Our dynamic community partnership has a unique window of opportunity to make Floyd County Schools College and Career Academy the best charter school in the state and a national model for schools of technical training," said **Kelly Henson**, *Former Floyd County Schools Superintendent*.

The committee was issued a challenge to meet four goals. The goals include the design of a school that will develop and sustain a highly qualified workforce, providing a seamless transition from high

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## WHAT'S THAT PROJECT?

**T**he next feature in the "What's That Project" series is a shopping center complex developed by **Toles, Temple & Wright Real Estate**.

Some office space is still available in the building. "I still have three vacant spaces," said **Brooke Temple**. "One is 2,000 square feet and I have two that are 1,600 square feet. The remaining spaces will probably be occupied by professional offices or retail sales." One space is already filled with a well-known restaurant chain.

According to Mr. Temple, the reason he chose the site for development was due to the high traffic count, a traffic light, and because it is centrally located in Rome near one of the rivers. "It is one of the



best commercial sites in Rome, and everything about developing this property just made good sense," Mr. Temple stated. The project should be completed in December. The building is located on Turner McCall Boulevard next to **Santa Fe Cattle Co**. All companies that were used in the development of this project are local. Toles, Temple & Wright supports our vibrant economy developing projects that bring retail, offices, and restaurants to the community.