



Quarterly Briefs from the *Fillmore County Development Corporation* July, August, September - 2016

The **Fillmore County Development Corporation** staff attended the Governor's Summit in July. Housing and workforce needs were among topics at the conference. Also Nebraska's new logo was announced, "Good Life, Great Opportunity".

Fillmore County Development Corporation worked with Hanna:Keelan Associates to do a County-Wide Housing Study. The result of the study showed that to meet the needs of current and future residents the county should strive to develop up to 90 new housing units by 2021. The complete study can be viewed on the FCDC website.

The **Geneva City Pool** was closed early in July to accommodate the new pool this is being built in the same location. The Council accepted a bid from Erickson Construction of Blair at a cost of approximately \$3,366,000. Plans are that the new pool will be completed in time for a shortened pool season in the summer of 2017.

Construction continues at the new Fortigen Geneva plant. The \$75 million plant will produce anhydrous ammonia fertilizer for local farmers. Construction workers started arriving in late summer and will work through the winter and spring. Once the plant is operational 25-30 full-time employees will be hired.

Shickley has developed a new housing sub-division on the northwest side of the community. The parcel has been divided into 15 lots. The infrastructure including streets, curb, guttering, electricity, water and gas lines are in place.

Jo Jo's Daycare in Milligan and **Precious Angels Daycare** in Geneva opened this summer.

Geneva and Fillmore County welcomed **Maggie Malone** and her family back to Geneva after Maggie competed at the 2016 summer Olympics in Rio in August. Maggie competed in the women's javelin throw and placed 25th.

Beavers Dairy broke ground and started construction in August. The dairy is located southeast of Shickley and will be an automated dairy facility. Original plans called for 1000 animal units as a start although the property is zoned for more.

Over 174 tons of **Tires were recycled** on August 12th in Fillmore County. Approximately 150 citizens disposed of old tires at the event. The free disposal was made possible by a grant through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

The Fillmore County Development Corporation (FCDC) in cooperation with the Fillmore County schools and local businesses held a **Career Industry Day** for all juniors in the county on September 14th. The format for the day involved having the students go to the business locations to expose students to some of the career opportunities in Fillmore County.

The 17th **Odegeo Leadership for Fillmore County** held their first session in September. Brandy VanDeWalle was the speaker for the session. She used "Real Colors" and hands on learning tools to help the class identify their personal characteristics. Realizing these differences can help a person be a better leader.

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