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FCDC Annual meeting in February

Watch for details!

Diesel Pick-up Shop Opens in Geneva



James and Melissa Knight moved to Geneva in 2007 and their plans were to open a business. It took over five years to do that, but they are now the owners of the Diesel Pickup Shop located at 105 South 13th ST in Geneva.

They contacted the FCDC office and met with Patt Lentfer the Director in February 2007. However, life changed and they put starting a business in Geneva on hold.

James dream continued though and he found a building in York and started Diesel Pickup Shop there. It wasn't until February of 2012 that he was able to buy a building in Geneva, the former

Shaner Chevrolet dealership building.

Knight, along with his wife Melissa, did some remodeling and repair on the building and opened the doors in the spring.

According to James they have been extremely busy ever since, but took time to have a "Grand Opening" on July 4th. He has now hired one employee and will have another soon.

James' shop specializes in the repair of diesel pickups and light trucks.



James Knight, Owner of Diesel Pick-up Shop, talks with visitors during his grand opening.

Sunflower Marketing Celebrates 20 Years in Geneva

Craig Hughes, the plant manager at Sunflower Marketing, welcomed guests as Sunflower Marketing, a Division of M-C Industries, celebrated their 20th year in Geneva on August 14, 2012. Sunflower Marketing started production at the Gene-

va plant in June of 1992. In 1998 an addition was built. Sunflower Marketing handles all of the direct marketing for the American Heart Association and they screen print over 100,000 T-shirts for the AHA. Sunflower also works with other customers such as

Nike, PING, and colleges. Pam Turner, the current HR manager, has been working in the Geneva plant since day one. She has had many roles and seen many changes. Currently the plant has about 70 employees on two shifts.



Fillmore County Courthouse

Certified Truck & Trailer Repair Opens by Harvest 2012

JD Korbolik and Josh Turner's goal was to open their truck and trailer repair business by harvest time. Even though harvest started earlier than usual in Fillmore County they basically met their goal when the trucks rolled in September 4th. Korbolik and Turner bought two lots in the FCDC Industrial Park on R ST. Dirt work started the end of March and they were working on trucks in September.



The building has three drive through bays plus a parts department and office. They employ four mechanics.



Grandma Grace's Mustard is Manufactured in Shickley Again

Grandma Grace's Mustard was a "Show Case Vendor" at the new Sam's Store in Lincoln. Miki Loos, along with her husband Tom, manufacture the mustard at Cubbies Market in Shickley. They were invited to display Grandma Grace's Mustard at the new store

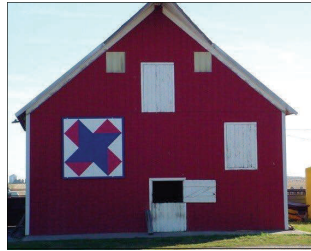
this fall. It was a great success according to Miki. They sold 1,000 units and were asked to come back and do another sampling.

Miki and Tom Loos purchased the recipe so the Grandma Grace's Mustard tradition could be

carried on. The family recipe originates from Grace Bohlen, who lived in the small community of Shickley.

They continue to market Grandma Grace's Mustard, a true gourmet mustard that is widely known for its unique and distinct flavor.

PURE NEBRASKA TELLS FILLMORE COUNTY STORIES



This barn quilt is located at 115 Road P west of Shickley. There are over 25 Barn Quilts in Fillmore County



When KOLN/KGIN's Jon Vandeford and Brad Anderson came to Fillmore County in October they found lots of stories to share with their audience. It all started when Renae Kamler, chairman of the Fillmore County Barn Quilt Co. pitched the story of the Barn Quilts to Vanderford. When the KOLN/KGIN crew came they also discovered the Fillmore County Museum, the Historic Fairmont Airfield, and Evening with Friends in Milligan. All four stories can be found on the television's website www.kolnkgin.com

HOP Program Helps Potential Homeowners

Ten families have used HOP Downpayment Assistance Program with Minor Rehab in Fillmore County since the program started in the summer of 2011. The program will run until March 22, 2013 or until the funds are depleted. Presently there is enough money left in the grant to assist 3-5 more families depending on the cost of the home.

The program has been very successful and helped families be able to purchase a home and then do some minor repair, according to committee member and realtor Karla Jacobson. For more information about the program contact the FCDC or your Fillmore County realtor or banker.



HOP program offers down payment assistance

Flint Hills Resources Purchases Ethanol Plant at Fairmont



Aerial View of the Ethanol Plant at Fairmont

Advanced BioEnergy LLC, headquartered in Bloomington, MN announced that they have finalized the sale of the ethanol plant in Fairmont to Flint Hills Resources. Flint Hills Resources is a leading refining, chemicals and biofuels company with headquarters in Wichita, Kansas. The purchase price was listed at \$160 million plus an estimated \$15 million of assets according to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Fairmont ethanol plant began production in 2007 and has an annual capacity of over 115 million gallons of ethanol. It also produces about 320,000 tons of dried distillers grain as well as more than 18 million pounds of non-food grade corn oil. The plant employs about 50 people.

Megan Williams, the Environmental, Health & Safety Coordinator at the plant and a member of the FCDC Board, said she did not expect any big changes at the plant and expected a smooth transition.

County Plans Uses for Former Hospital

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors have been discussing the fate of the former hospital for more than a year.

When the new hospital opened on March 1st of this year the Supervisors had over 53,000 sq. ft. of available space and began

looking for a buyer or finding another function for the old facility.

The FCDC listed the commercial/industrial property on several websites that site selectors review. Several developers were invited to view the property for possible housing but it was

deemed too expensive to renovate for that use.

In October the property was put on the auction block, but there were no acceptable bids.

Presently the Supervisors are working on putting County offices in the former clinic, renting the

south part to a private individual, and continue to rent the fitness center to a non-profit group.

That leaves 33,000 sq. ft. that can be utilized for another purpose. Anyone interested should contact the County Clerk.



New 300,000 bushel bin added at Geneva Milling

If It's Agriculture Related It's Grown

Record setting prices and good yields on irrigated crop land have not only helped the ag producers, but helped any business that is supplying or offering services to farmers.

Additional grain storage has been added at Geneva Milling, Farmer's Cooperative in Milligan and Fairmont, and ABE- Fairmont. This additional capacity is in addition to bins built in the last couple of years at the Farmer's Cooperative in Exeter, Manning Grain in Burress and Kassik Milling in Milligan.

Geneva Tire Pro, Sargent Drilling, Bill's Repair, and Geneva Home Center have built new buildings this year. Other ag related businesses have also grown and added employees, upgraded facilities, made capital investments or a combination of those to service the agricultural community.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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FCDC Director's Notes . . .



The Nebraska Department of Revenue's Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act might be of particular interest to our small business owners in Fillmore County.

First off, Microenterprise is defined as a company with five or fewer employees at the time of the application. In this program the business can receive funds directly from the Department of Revenue if they invest in their business, but the application must be made to the Department of Revenue. More detailed information is available on their website <http://www.revenue.state.ne.us/incentiv/microent/microent.html>.

You'll need to act quickly though as those funds are limited and many times are depleted by the middle of the year. The straightforward 2013 application can be filed now. Most tax accounts are familiar with the program and would be able to offer assistance too.

Larger businesses in rural Nebraska who might be investing \$125,000 or more and creating jobs will want to review the guidelines for the Nebraska Advantage Rural Level I or Level II.

The FCDC works to diversify our local economy, broaden the tax base and work with community development. Citizen input and participation is important. We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions.

For more information about anything mentioned in this newsletter call 402-759-4910 or visit www.fillmorecountydevelopment.org.

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