

FILLMORE COUNTY CAREER DAY

The Fillmore County Development Corp. sponsored a Career Day at the Fillmore Central H.S. in September. Twenty-one local business leaders emphasized that Fillmore County is a good place to live and raise a family and told about the type of jobs in their companies.



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Students from the Fillmore County schools gathered in September to hear about career opportunities in the county. Presenters were local business owners.

Representatives from the agricultural section sat on one panel to discuss job opportunities in the county.



NCIP SPECIAL PROJECTS AWARD

Fairmont, Geneva, and Milligan all submitted a Special Project Award nomination for the 2008 Nebraska Community Improvement Program. Fairmont highlighted their success in the 85% return of a community survey in the category of Community Development. Geneva submitted the Boy's Pond project also in the category of Community Development. Milligan's June Jubilee was entered under the category of Economic Development-Tourism promotion. Although none of the projects received an NCIP award, each community benefited from their efforts and made their community better.





Pam Beale—\$100 Winner

Pam Beale, who works at Sunflower Marketing is shown with her check. She was the winner of the "Workforce Housing Needs Survey" drawing. The

"Housing Needs and Wants Survey" winner was Richard Smith of Fairmont. The Countywide Housing study is nearly complete and the results should be available in December.



LOCAL RE-USE FUNDS for Economic Development

Fillmore County has a pool of funds that can be used for financing for start-up businesses and existing business that may not be able to obtain conventional financing.

Eligible activities included acquisition of real estate, land and buildings, fixed assets, machinery and equipment, renovations, remodeling, site preparation, working capital or job training costs. Re-use funds can be approved for up to 40% of the total project costs. A minimum of 10% equity is required. Interest rate equals one-half of the rate charged by the primary lending institution with a minimum of 3%.

Anyone interested in starting a business or expanding a business in Fillmore County may contact the Fillmore County Development Corporation or a local bank for more information.

Strategic Planning Set for January 21, 2009



January 21st at 5:30 is the time set for the FCDC Strategic Planning session where Board members, public officials, committee members and interested citizens are invited to help shape the direction of the Fillmore County Development Corporation for the next two years. According to Board President Don Jividen this is an opportunity to prepare for the future, even though the shape and scope of what will happen in the next few years is uncertain. Community preparedness allows us to take advantage of opportunities.

FCDC to Celebrate 20th Anniversary with an Open House February 6th.

The Fillmore County Development Corporation was incorporated in February of 1989 and will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on February 6th at the Log Cabin in Geneva. The annual meeting will begin at 3:30 for members and then will be followed by an open house for all business people, officials, and citizens of Fillmore County. A power point highlighting the accomplishments of the FCDC will be shown continually and hors d'ouvres and beverages will be served.

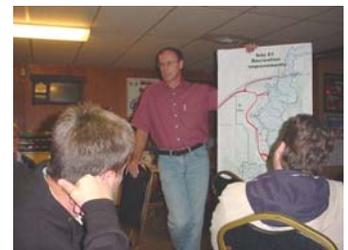


2008-2009 Leadership Class Underway

The Odegeo...Leadership for Fillmore County class began September 16th. The 16 participants are from Exeter, Geneva, Milligan, Ohioa, and Shickley and have given the sessions great reviews. The first sessions have centered on getting to know yourself, history and tourism, and government. The December session will focus on education.



Group at the Courthouse



NRD Lone Star information



The FCDC will be talking with landowners in the county, especially along rail and fiber optic lines to determine other sites suitable for industrial growth.

Lauber Seed Farms Receives ISO 9001:2000 Registration in 2008

Lauber Seed Farms of Geneva is part of the six member companies of Nebraska Seeds, Inc. that received the most up-to-date International Standard Organization (ISO) quality management certification last February. This certification indicates that the seed production companies all comply with the 19 quality standards in the ISO 9001: 2000.

Other companies in Fillmore County that are ISO certified include Metal Tech Partners and TMK-Ipsco Tubulars.



FCHS and Reinke Manufacturing Working Together to Train Welders

A representative from Reinke Manufacturing of Deshler and the Fillmore Central school board agreed to work together to provide a welding curriculum for Fillmore Central students. Reinke Mfg. will provide training for the agricultural instructor Kurt VanDeWalle so he can prepare students to take the certified welding test. Reinke Mfg. will also provide equipment for eight welding stations that the students will use.



FCDC Director's Notes...

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I hope you have found this newsletter beneficial by learning a little more about the business climate in Fillmore County.

If you know of anyone wanting to own their own business, send them my way. FCDC can help provide resources and advice to get them on their way. Conversations with me are confidential. The FCDC office is located in Geneva in the back of the York State Bank building.

We are continuing our list of business websites and emails, so please email that information to the office.

Wishing you happy holidays.

Patt Lentfer 

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has invested in Fillmore County this year with a paid membership to the Fillmore County Development Corporation.

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| Advanced BioEnergy | Hilty's of Geneva |
| All American Ins. Inc. | Horizontal Boring & Tunneling |
| Andrews Electric | Allan Jefferson |
| Aquila (Black Hills Energy) | Don Jividen |
| Dr. Charles Ashby | Lentfer Irrigation & Mfg. Inc. |
| Bar B Que Specialties | Lichti Bros Oil |
| Ron Barnett | Ted Marek |
| Bergen Real Estate | Mid America Vision |
| Biegert Construction | Midwest Steel Fabrication, Inc. |
| Bioiberica Nebraska | Don Miller |
| Bixby Law Office | Milligan Insurance Agency |
| Bruning State Bank | Nebraska Public Power District |
| Computer Clinic | Norrie Construction |
| Cornerstone Bank | Northpointe Insurance |
| Jeri Daniels | Oliva Insurance |
| Jim Donovan | Perennial Public Power District |
| Edward Jones Investment | Ralph's Geneva Tire |
| Alan Emshoff | Steve Rasmussen |
| Fairmont Family Market | Dale Richards |
| Fairview Manor | Schoenholz RE & Auction Service |
| Farmer & Son Funeral Home | Shickley Air Service |
| Farmers & Merchants Bank | Mel Taylor |
| Farmers State Bank | Carol Vejraska |
| First National Bank—Exeter | Walter, Richard |
| FC Hospital | Weaver Repair |
| Frank Black Pipe Co. | Webb L J Construction |
| Vaughn Fulton | West Brothers, Inc. |
| Geneva Subway | William Wilkins |
| Geneva Floral | Wilkins Manor |
| Geneva State Bank | Eric Williams |
| Geneva TV/Appliance | York Medical Clinic-Exeter |
| Geneva Welding | York State Bank |
- Fillmore County, City of Geneva
Villages of Exeter, Fairmont, Grafton
Milligan, Ohiova, Shickley

You are invited to become a member of the Fillmore County Development Corporation. For as little as a dollar a week you can work with others to cultivate economic development. Become a part of a group that wants to grow Fillmore County and keep it a great place to call home.

WHY INVEST IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

- *Productive use of resources*
- *Creation of high-quality jobs*
- *Advancement of private enterprise*
- *Generation of new personal income*
- *Broadening of the tax base*



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Basic Investor—\$ 52	Level II Investor- \$300-\$899
Level I Investor- \$100-\$299	Level III Investor- \$900-\$1999

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