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Another Lot Sold in the Industrial Site

Stofer Enterprises LLC will be the newest occupant in the FCDC Industrial Park. Lisa and Jon Stofer will be erecting an auction house/event center at the site and plan to have it in use by September. Dirt work has started and building construction will start in July.

Lisa and Jon Stofer became the new owners of Schoenholz Auction and Real Estate in 2012.



Geneva City Council Approves Infrastructure Extensions & Improvements

To help with further development at the Industrial Park the City Council approved using the LB640 sales tax funds for economic development to pay for the sewer and water extensions at the Industrial Park on R Street. Councilman Todd Boller stated he was in favor of the additional infrastructure at the site so further development could occur. The extensions including the engineering costs bid came in at \$102,213.

The City of Geneva also approved plans to improve the city's waste water treatment plant. Bigger blowers that will put more oxygen in the system will be added. This will make the plant more efficient and increase capacity. The renovation project will begin in July and is projected to be finished in October. The cost of the project is estimated to be in the \$500,000 range.

Update of Fillmore County Comprehensive Plan

The Fillmore County updated Comprehensive Plan was completed this spring. The last Comprehensive Plan was done in 1998. There are also updated zoning regulations and maps and sub division regulations. The updates were approved by the Fillmore County Supervisors and all the village boards. JEO Consulting Group, Inc. was the consulting firm that worked with the County Planning Commission.

Several changes in the zoning maps were done as a result of Fairmont's skip annexation. One change that citizens might note is that the county's villages and the City of Geneva have been changed from a circle showing the one-mile jurisdiction to squares to reflect parcel boundaries.



Eight (8) lots are available at the Industrial Site on R ST.

A 5.03 acre site is available on North 1st ST in NW Geneva.

Check out the website
visitfillmorecounty.org

For Information about
events in the County

Odegeo. . . Leadership for Fillmore County Graduates 15

The 2012-13 Odegeo.. Leadership for Fillmore County participants graduated from the nine-month leadership course on June 11th.

The speaker for the graduation was Charlie Trauger a native of Exeter who has recently returned to his hometown. He is a veteran in the agribusiness software and market data sector in sales and management roles. He currently works for a small software company in Chicago and farms in Exeter. He spoke to the group about good leaders in business and how they can lead a company to be successful.

As each member received their plaque from one of the Fillmore County Corporation Leadership Committee they gave a statement about what the sessions had given them and how they will lead.

Supporters, sponsors, and presenters were thanked for their contributions to the leadership program throughout the year.



L-R Front: Twila Rocole, Dayle Harlow, Amanda Haumont Middle-Ashley Hughes, Amber Taylor, Ann Jansky, Jill Swartzendruber, Kim Gewecke, Karla Jacobson Back-Craig Hughes, Lucas Swartzendruber, Shannon Drudik, Steve McLeish, Shawn Nolt, Conley Kennel

Site Selector Looks at Fillmore County & the Region

Dennis Donovan, a Site Selector from New Jersey, talked with the FCDC Board in May and toured Fillmore County. Five site selectors had been invited by the Lincoln Area Development Partnership (LADP) to come to the area to give some input to the regional group about sites, buildings, and employment in the area.

Although the FCDC works mainly on growth from within Fillmore County Mr. Donovan gave the Board some insights from another perspective. He thought having an interchange agreement between BNSF and Manning Railroad presented some opportunities. As for labor availability he suggested the website tell more of a story since looking on-line is only statistical information.



The FC Historical Society had a Wedding Dress Display fundraiser June 1st at the Museum

HOP Program Helps New Homeowners

Fourteen families used the Homeowner Opportunity Program (HOP) for Downpayment Assistance with Minor Rehab in Fillmore County. The Fillmore County Development Corporation (FCDC) Housing Committee asked the County to apply for the HOP grant in 2010 and volunteered to be the sub recipient to manage the program. The Southeast Nebraska Development District wrote the grant and administered the grant.

The program was so successful the Fillmore County Supervisors were asked to apply for another HOP grant in 2013. Announcement of who will receive the grants will not be know until late summer. Patt Lentfer, FCDC Director, was informed that funds are very limited this year and the state has received many quality applications. It will just be a "wait and see" before she will know if the County received funds.



CPI-LANSING OPENS IN MARCH

CPI-Lansing held an open house on March 12th to present their new rail shuttle loading plant, located just west of Fairmont. Nearly 300 people attended the event at the site. The plant was taking grain the following week.



Stephanie Davis, office manager, points out some of the technology that is used.

Construction of the \$22 million facility that will hold up to 2.1 million bushels began in January of 2012. The rail shuttle loader facility will be able to simultaneously ship and receive 120,000 bushels of corn or soybeans per hour. The new 1.25 mile loop of rail-

way attaches to the main BNSF line.

The facility is owned jointly by Cooperative Producers Inc. and Lansing Trade Group, LLC. The plant will employ 8-10 workers. Calvin Diehl is the plant manager.

Friends of the YRTC Work to Keep It Open

LB561 proposed that the Office of Juvenile Assistance be created within the judicial branch of government. It also proposed that only community-based services be used and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Geneva and Kearney be closed. It was the intent of the bill to appropriate 10 million dollars to the community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program.

A group of citizens of Fillmore County met in February and March to discuss the best way to let Senator Ashford and other members of the Judiciary Committee know that the YRTC facilities serve a very valuable alternative for youth when community based services have failed.

Over 25 people from Fillmore County attended the hearing in March and opposed the bill.

However, the Legislature passed **LB561** with several



amendments in May and the Governor signed the bill. The YRTC will now be under Juvenile Justice System.

Currently the Children's Commission has set up a subcommittee that is to report back to them as to what kind of juvenile offenders should be in an institution and what kind should have a home based-treatment plan.

Dan Scarborough, Administrator at the YRTC in Geneva serves as a resource person on that committee. The subcommittee will tour the Geneva facility in July.

Community Development Continues

Community development projects are in various stages in Fillmore County during the summer months of 2013.



Shickley & Strang are both working on community centers. Construc-

tion has started on the new **Shickley** facility and **Strang** continues with fund raising efforts.

Fairmont has started a park equipment project that is expected to cost approximately \$60,000. The



community has raised about 40% of the funds at this time.



The ribbon was cut at Eddie's 66 Station at the corner of 8th & G Streets in **Geneva** and will now have activity again. The Geneva Chamber of Commerce is leasing

the building for their Chamber office. After much delay the building has been refurbished and the pumps outside are shiny and new.

Sunflower Marketing Plant to Be Sold by M-C Industries

Word was received in April by Craig Hughes, plant manager of Sunflower Marketing in Geneva, that the plant would be sold.

Sunflower Marketing lost their largest customer American Heart Association. This year the plant had printed over a million T-shirts for AHA. The plant had over 85 full-time, part-time and seasonal employees when the news came this Spring.

M-C Industries is hoping to have a sale completed by this Fall.

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Happy Fourth of July

We're on the web
www.fillmorecountydevelopment.org

FCDC Director's Notes . . .



It is not too late to become a member of the Fillmore County Development Corporation (FCDC). The work of the FCDC continues all year long as the non-profit group works to enhance the quality of life for Fillmore County citizens.

Current members consisting of individuals, businesses, utilities, Fillmore County and the communities all work together to strengthen the economic health of Fillmore County. The objectives of the Fillmore County Development Corporation are:

- *Creating a strong workforce that fills the gaps of skill, education, employability, location & wages*
- *Increasing and improving quality housing stock*
- *Establishing funds for low interest loans to businesses for start-ups and/or expansions*
- *Retaining current businesses by finding out what they need and celebrating their successes*
- *Marketing the strengths of Fillmore County for businesses and citizens*

Citizen input and participation is important. We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions. For more information call 402-759-4910 or visit www.fillmorecountydevelopment.org.

Patt Lentfer, FCDC Director

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Level II Investor	\$300-\$899	Level III Investor	\$900 +