



## Quarterly Briefs from the *Fillmore County Development Corporation*

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**Flint Hills Resources** announced a \$50 million expansion in January. Using new technology the plant will produce a high-protein animal and fish feed ingredient from a portion of the plant's distiller grains, a co-product of ethanol production.

**Fillmore County Development Corporation** held their annual meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Grafton at Gary's Brickhouse Grille. New board members elected were Derek Betka and Jamison Jensen, both from Fairmont and Jeff Spiehs from Milligan. Out-going board members Ann Jansky and Amanda Schropfer were thanked for their service to the FCDC board.

**Fortigen Geneva L.L.C** is in full swing of construction and the plant will be completed this summer. Production of anhydrous ammonia will then start and be ready for distribution in the fall.

The **Tri-County Job Fair/Career Day** was held in York NE on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 150 job seekers were at the Job Fair and over 250 students attended the Career Day and had a chance to win a scholarship by visiting the job fair vendors. This is a joint effort by Fillmore, Hamilton & York counties.

**5 Loaves Market & Bakery** opened March 8<sup>th</sup> in Shickley. The owners of the store are Chris and Cassie Schlegel. The Market has a coffee nook and offers a wide variety of grocery items.

**Shickley Tech.Net** opened on Market Street in Shickley in January/February. Valerie Andersen is the owner. Her services include web development and design, custom consulting services to address unique business needs, and a wide range of technology support.

**Milligan 41 Express** started construction on the corner of Highway 41 and Road 24. The convenience store will offer gas, food and also have a car wash.

The **2017 Southeast Nebraska Travel Guide and the Nebraska Traveler** are available at the FCDC office and will soon be distributed at the Fillmore County Courthouse, Lone Star Recreation Area, community kiosks, libraries, etc. Be sure to pick up a copy as you plan your vacation. Check out the Fillmore County Visitors website to discover local events. [www.visitfillmorecounty.org](http://www.visitfillmorecounty.org).

The **2016-2017 Farmers & Ranchers** college ended its programs in February with "Managing for Difficult Times" and a special women's program "Tips & Tricks for the Women in Agriculture" featuring Debbie Lyons-Blythe. She gave tips and tricks in answering questions from people unfamiliar to agriculture. Both were terrific programs.

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