



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 23rd 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 7th. 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 8th 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.

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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