



Quarterly Briefs from the *Fillmore County Development Corporation*

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The Total Solar Eclipse brought thousands of people to Fillmore County to view the eclipse on August 21st. It is estimated that 8,000 to 10,000 viewers watched and were spread throughout all eight communities, the airfield and on county roads.

Highway 41 Express by Milligan opened its doors on July 17th. The Express has fuel, a car wash, food, and beverages. RV camping spaces will be available soon.

Kevin Karasiuk, manager at the Flint Hills Resources ethanol plant in Fairmont say they have now started construction to install a new, bolt-on technology called Maximized Stillage Co-Products™ (MSC). The \$50 million project is one of the largest investments in co-product upgrading technologies made by a dry mill ethanol manufacturer. Once the plant is operational it will produce a high protein animal and fish feed ingredient from a portion of its distiller grains.

FCDC Executive Director Patt Lentfer attended the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) training course "Entrepreneurial & Small Business Development Strategies" in August. So far in 2017 there have been 10 new small business started and two small businesses transferred to new owners in Fillmore County.

Fortigen Geneva L.L.C anhydrous ammonia plant is at the end of pre-commissioning and moving into their commissioning and startup phase.

FCDC in cooperation with Fillmore County businesses and schools held a Career Industry Day on October 18th for juniors throughout the county. Students had a choice of three tracks; Agriculture and Technical Skills, Business, Marketing & Management, or Health & Human Services to attend.

Mylah Rose Boutique opened its doors in August in downtown Geneva. It is a children's boutique owned and managed by Nicole Schoenholz. She is a mother of four who decided this was the type of retail store that would fit her family's needs and be a good fit for the community. The store will have new items weekly that can be seen if a person follows Mylah Rose Boutique on Facebook. All items posted will be in stock and can be shipped if a customer cannot stop at the store.

Halbur Electric and Rizzo Electric have now joined forces and named themselves **34 Electric LLC**. This merger allows them to better serve their customers' needs both big and small.

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