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Recycling in Boone County

New Owners for Albion Recycling

Paul Schilousky has sold Albion Aluminum Cans and Metals to Mike Landauer and Curt Berglund in April. The recycling operation is in the south bay of Doc's Service. Items accepted include: aluminum cans, scrap aluminum, copper, brass, car radiators, and junk batteries. Cans collected from Cattlemen's resulted in a donation of \$237 back to the organization.

Green Fiber

Green Fiber is a community paper recycling program located throughout Boone County. Each community receives \$20 per ton of recyclables collected.

Green Fiber bin locations:

- Albion City Hall
- Cedar Rapids City Hall
- Petersburg City Hall
- St. Edward City Hall
- Boone County Courthouse



Recycling Facts

- Recycling creates 1.1 million US jobs, \$236 billion in gross annual sales, and \$37 billion in annual payrolls.
- Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 trees.
- The energy saved by recycling one glass bottle is enough to light a light bulb for four hours.
- Every year Americans use more than 67 million tons of paper, or 580 pounds per person.
- Americans throw away enough office and writing paper annually to build a wall 12 feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York.
- Every day American businesses generate enough paper to circle the Earth 20 times.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a tv or 100-watt light bulb for three hours.

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Message from the Director

Since beginning my duty as Executive Director of Boone County Development Agency, I have received many kind words of encouragement. It is very much appreciated!

Since March, BCDA has been involved with many activities.

In April, grant applications went into the state for a street improvement project for Primrose, as well as a county wide housing grant. The housing grant dollars will help bring four new houses into the county to help low to moderate income families in Boone County experience homeownership.

I attended the Nebraska Economic Development Association's spring conference in Nebraska City, where the theme was "Growing Our Own Green". Speakers provided information on the future of biofuels, renewable energy in Ne-

braska, and the evolution of ethanol.

May provided the opportunity to attend the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for VeraSun Albion, with several excellent speakers and tour of the plant. In June, the Cattlemen's Ball in Boone County brought several guests into our communities.

Spending time with the BRAN riders was another great experience, and an opportunity for BCDA to network with those outside of our area.

I encourage each of you to attend the other events that will be taking place throughout the summer.

Boone County Development Agency will be taking advantage of opportunities to spend time in each community!



Shannon Landauer, Executive Director

Boone County Development Agency is in the process of updating our website. Be sure to check us out online at: www.boone-county.org

VeraSun Albion RibbonCutting

May 29 was an important day for VeraSun Albion. This day was a celebration of the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The event included tours of the plant, and a ceremony with several speakers.

Guest speakers included Governor Dave Heineman; Don Endres, VeraSun Energy founder and CEO; Brian Jennings, American Coalition for Ethanol; Todd Sneller, Nebraska Ethanol Board; Randy Uhrmacher, Nebraska Corn Growers Association; Jim Jarecki, mayor of Albion; Hank Thieman, Boone County Commissioner; and Tim Kayton, Boone County Development Agency and Albion Economic Development Corporation.

VeraSun began production in October 2007. The plant is a 110 million gallon per year facility, processing nearly 39 million bushels of corn per year, and produces 350,000 tons of distillers grains.



New Veteran's Building in Albion

Plans are underway for a new building in Albion. The facility will house the American Legion Post 162 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 736 on the corner of Third and Church Street.

A wall of bricks and a memorial to each branch of the service will be at the entrance.

The project cost is estimated at \$200,000. Plans are to begin construction this fall.

Fund raising efforts are underway. Funds raised to date total \$31,400 in private donations. Raffle tickets are currently being sold, the drawing be held on November 21. Also, memorial bricks are being sold for \$100. An inscribed brick may be purchased by friends and family to be engraved with the Veteran's name and branch of service.

On July 6th, a free will donation steak fry will be held at the KC Hall at 5pm. For more information on the project or to make a donation, please contact the vets club in Albion.



The Outlet

Lenny and Danny Geiser of Cedar Rapids will soon open the doors to "The Outlet". The store is located in the former Pat's Boutique building on Fourth Street in downtown Albion. Store hours will be 10-5 Tuesday through Friday, and 10-1 on Saturday.

The Outlet will carry a wide variety of merchandise:

- Tools
- Karaoke Equipment
- Health and Beauty Products
- Clothing
- Electronics
- Toys



Prices for all items are 10 to 80% off retail merchandise prices in stores. Lenny stated merchandise will be restocked and changed daily.

Danny anticipates opening for customers the week of June 23.

The store in Cedar Rapids will maintain the current hours, operating Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Wind Project in Cedar Rapids

Amy Malander, Superintendent of Cedar Rapids Public School visited Boone County Development Agency to discuss the wind project. Amy has applied for a grant with the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program to locate a wind turbine on the school property.

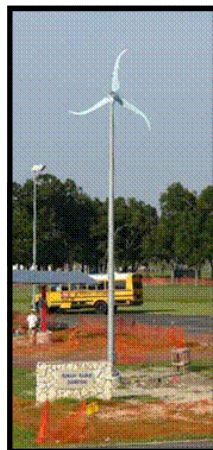
The turbine will be located in the east parking lot of the school, standing approximately 70 feet tall.

Similar units average 6000 kWh/year. Energy generated through the turbine will be used for the school, which would result in a savings of \$300 in energy costs.

The project is through the Wind for Schools Program. Five schools were chosen throughout the state for the program this year, including: Hayes Center, Diller Odell, Elkhorn Valley, and O'Neill.

Total project cost is estimated near \$19,000. A majority of the funds will come from USDA. A Carl Perkins grant was awarded for \$2,500 for the project as well as \$1,500 coming from each the school, Loup Power, Nebraska Public Power District. Stephens Supply of St. Edward has agreed to donate provide in-kind services.

Curriculum has been developed to involve all K-12 classes in the school with the wind turbine. The Science and Ag programs will work closely with the project.



Meet the Manager

Andy Roberts, formerly of St. Edward, has been named General Manager of VeraSun Albion.

Andy grew up near St. Edward. He was active in sports and activities throughout his high school and college careers. Andy received a biology degree from Doane College.

When asked if he had intentions of returning home after college, he said at that time he did know of the professional opportunities that exist in Boone County.

For those interested in making Boone County home, Andy recommended focusing on Business Administration.

Andy and his wife Susan have chosen to make Boone County home. They have two sons, and expect a third child in November.



Upcoming Events

Petersburg Carnival Days

June 24-26

Cedar Rapids Community Picnic

July 5

Boone County Fair

July 19-23

Beaver Valley Days in St. Edward

August 1, 2, & 3

BRAN Visits Petersburg

On June 12, Petersburg became a temporary home to approximately 580 bike riders that were participating in the Bike Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN). Twenty-eight states were represented at BRAN.

Riders of all ages participated; the youngest biker was seven, with the oldest being 84. There was a four seater participating in the trip. Bikers camped in the park in Petersburg overnight.

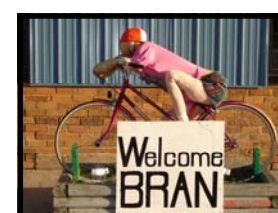
Events and activities for the BRAN riders included: three live entertainment groups, a social garden, tours of Olson Nature Preserve; tours of the Catholic church in Raeville, and several food vendors.

The Petersburg Community Club served a breakfast at 4:30 am for the riders before their morning departure.

Decorated bikes could be seen throughout the business and residential areas in Petersburg. The Petersburg Community Club sponsored a contest for the best business and best residential bikes. Leifeld's Hardware & Furniture was the winner of the business contest, and Tony Thieman was the winner in the residential contest.



Tony Thieman, Residential



Leifeld's Hardware, Business

Firehall Projects Throughout Boone County

- Site preparation is underway for the firehall in Albion. The project has been delayed due to weather; the target completion date for the project is November.
- Construction on the new firehall in Cedar Rapids is near completion. The volunteer fire department anticipates being in the new facility by the first part of August. Greenland Construction out of Arcadia was the contractor for the project.



- According to Jeanne Stokes, Petersburg Village Clerk, the firehall project in Petersburg has been delayed due to weather, but the city has decided to begin putting in water lines.
- The Village of Primrose has decided to put in a new firehall as well. Cost of repair to the current facility would be very close to the cost of the new building. Construction will likely begin the end of this summer.

Boone County Fair

The 124th Boone County fair has been set for July 19-23, with the livestock auction on Thursday July 24.

New events for 2008 include:

- Grill Off
- Car Show
- Team Roping
- Pierson Wildlife Exhibit
- World of Outlaw's Late Model "Wild West Tour"
- NLMRA Lawnmower Races
- School Bus Races



Fun Books are available once again, as well as Kid's Fun Books at the following locations: Scrapbook Paradise in Albion, Rae Valley Market in Petersburg, Wert's GW in St. Edward, and Cedar's Rapids Stop in Cedar Rapids.

A complete schedule of events is available at: www.boonecountyfair.net