



Newsletter

Mission Statement: "To promote Boone County"

Message from the Director



Shirley Petsche, Director

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Patience is a virtue. This point was brought home to me recently when I had surgery. I had always thought it would be great to be bored for just one day until then. But patience also has a down side. A community/county that is too patient in thinking that no opportunities are going to be available may not be prepared in advance for all possibilities. Having no direction is like a boat without a rudder; the current may take you for a great ride but in the end you may be unprepared to meet the rapids.

Boone County Development Agency has sought to prepare our communities and businesses for our future by encouraging development and usage of local funding including local sales tax, community foundations and zoning. Planning a year in advance is not good enough. Even twenty years can find us ill prepared. April of each year is the time when BCDA plans internally. Board and Committee members participate in a strategic planning session to review and strategize our one and five year goals. We are dependent on planning. Planning requires patience.



Sales Tax Questions for Service Providers and Contractors Answered:

Make plans to attend a Seminar with the Department of Revenue. Attend in Columbus on May 14 or in Norfolk on May 21. Sales and Use Tax & Microenterprise Tax Credit 8:30 to Noon and Contractors 1:00 to 4:30 pm. For more information contact Boone County Development Agency at (402) 395-3356.

Fyfe Powdercoating

On Monday, March 12, Shannon had the opportunity to sit down with Ron Fyfe, owner of Fyfe's Powdercoating. Ron has been a resident of St. Edward for 10 years. After using the powdercoating technique on his own vehicles for several years, he saw a business opportunity and opened Fyfe's Powdercoating in January of 2007.

Powdercoating is a process that applies shredded polyester to a product using low air pressure and electricity. The product is then baked at 400 degrees for ten to twenty minutes. Although powdercoating is mostly used for metal, it can also be used for plastic and wood. Pipecoating can actu-

ally last 200 years underground. Ron informed me that powdercoating is much more durable than paint and also less harmful. He stated that five



years of powdercoating is less harmful to people and the environment than one can of spray paint. Because business has been better than expected, Ron does have future plans for expansion.

To use this process or to learn more, visit Ron at Fyfe's Powdercoating at 402 Beaver Street, St. Edward. His hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 1:00 to 5:00 pm on Saturday. The business phone number is (402) 678-2270.

POSTAL PATRON



Planning for Retirement? Business for Sale?
 Contact Shirley or Shannon at: (402) 395-3356
www.boone-county.org

Why SHOP Boone County?



- 1# You secure existing jobs and creates better employment opportunities for friends, family and neighbors
- 1# You decrease the city's reliance on property taxes and the need to increase them
- 1# Local sales tax provides:
 - Police Protection
 - Fire Protection
 - Maintenance of streets, parks, water, sewer, and other city services.
- 1# Shopping out of town deprives our community of sales and sales tax.



Search the puzzle to the right to find Boone County businesses that can help you with your planting and gardening needs for spring.

Business Search

S B L K E R J Y L G A E
 E E A V B Z C H A T L S
 L A R O L F S I R O D U
 V B O R J E T F O U N O
 Q E L E U W E M L N M H
 U A F Z N D D E F G G N
 R Y E E M B W A N E W E
 J B R V K N A P O D E E
 P K O N I K R J I E C R
 T I T J A H D X B S D G
 N Y S E C A F E L L A S
 H R Y T Q E L B A P O I
 L E R K G J O C L D U K
 M N T U N V R Y O E I C
 C A N H I D A E M A Y E
 A V U A J Z L W P O H R
 Z B O M G A A R S I K A
 E X C V Y O P E V B G J

**Does your business have
POSITIONS AVAILABLE?
WE HAVE THE SOLUTION!**

- # Get your employment needs to hundreds of potential employees with little effort.
- # Relieve staff from spending a day at a booth.
- # Job seekers "drive thru" a select site in Albion to pick up a packet containing available job information.
- # Boone County Development Agency will represent you.
- # Call Shirley or Shannon at (402) 395-3356 or stop by the office in the Boone County Courthouse by April 27.
- # Cost: \$75
- # Boone County Development Agency is partnering with Nebraska Workforce Development in Columbus to bring employees to you.



greenfiber
Manufacturer of Cocoon Insulation, fire and sound products

GreenFiber is a paper recycling program that is offered in Albion, Cedar Rapids, Petersburg, and St. Edward.

Acceptable:	Non Acceptable:
1# Phone Books	1# Glass
1# Newspaper	1# Plastic
1# Office Paper	1# Plastic Bottles
1# Paperback Books	1# Styrofoam
1# Paper Bags	1# Metal
1# Craft Paper	1# Magazines
1# Cereal & Kleenex Boxes	1# Trash
1# Pop & Beer Boxes	1# Aluminum
1# Shredded Paper	
1# Broke Down Cardboard	

For location information of the bins in your community contact Wendy Spahr at (402) 379-2045.

ASAlliances Biofuels Update

On Thursday March 15 Shirley Petsche and Shannon Landauer met with Phil Cherry and June Nguyen. Phil Cherry has been hired as General Manager for ASAlliances Biofuels, LLC. June Nguyen joins the staff as Operations Manager. Other members of the ASAlliances Management Team include Doug Klar, Maintenance Manager, David Barrientos, QC Manager, and James Merkel, Health and Safety Manager. Phil and June both commented on being very supportive of the local economy. They are looking forward to being a part of the community. Each has prior experience in ethanol production facilities in communities of like size to Albion. ASAlliances plans on hiring locally for most positions. Check out the job descriptions on the Boone County Development Agency website www.boone-county.org. A job fair is being planned for April where applications will be available. Please look for more complete information in the newspaper the beginning of April. Progress on the construction of the plant is basically on schedule. The landscape has changed dramatically since construction began in November of 2005. Activity is high. The 40 acre footprint is filling up.



ASAlliances Biofuels, LLC March 16, 2007

Cornhusker Public Power District

Cornhusker Public Power District is very involved with the ASAlliances Biofuels, LLC project in Albion. Bobby Jones of Cornhusker stated that good progress is being made with the on site substation construction. The substation is located northwest of the plant site. Engineering plans are complete on the transmission line. There are 13 pad mount transformers inside the plant for distribution, and so far the contractor has completed concrete foundations for 3 of them.



Mark your calendar-BCDA Executive Committee Meetings-1st and 3rd Wednesday of month!

Boone County Community Projects

St. Edward Firehall

The St. Edward Fire Hall project is getting closer to completion. Rick Werts stated that the target completion date is April 1, 2007. The Fire Department is still busy with fundraising efforts. On Sunday, March 18, a soup and sandwich lunch served 500 to 600 people. The US92 Airtime semi and trucks from D&L Towing LLC were on site for viewing. A raffle and auction featured items donated from trucking firms, and the Chrome Shop Mafia.

The St. Edward Fire Department was very pleased with the turnout and proceeds generated. Rick reported that upcoming events involving the fire department include a Kitchen Shower, to help furnish the new kitchen and a Grand Opening to be held sometime this summer. What a worthwhile project for St. Edward.



St. Edward Firehall March 12, 2007

Cedar Rapids Firehall

The Cedar Rapids Village Board will be interviewing three engineering/architect firms on March 28th to work on the Community Development Block Grant Fire Hall project. Selection of the engineer/architect will move the project to the next phase which includes drawing up the plans and specs to go out for contractor bids.

Viaero Tower in Petersburg

Petersburg has recently added a Viaero cell phone tower. The tower was brought on air January 15, 2007. Leifeld's Hardware in Petersburg, 402-386-5487 and Central Nebraska Implement, 402-395-2173 are authorized dealers. In addition to standard voice service, Viaero Wireless sites are equipped to provide wireless broadband internet service. Viaero is an alternative to cell phone service in Petersburg.



December 16, 2006

Primrose Street Improvements

The community of Primrose will apply for a CDBG grant in April seeking funding for street improvements. A survey has been conducted, and a town hall meeting has been held to discuss the community survey results and the application process.

Ice Storm Struck Boone County

The ice storms of winter 2006-2007 brought catastrophic destruction to utility poles in Boone County and beyond. But beauty too can be found in the ice encrusted fence corner and a winter wonderland scene. The aftermath ice jamb is indicative of the power of water and ice at the bridge in Cedar Rapids.



Loup Power District reported \$250,000 in damages in Boone County alone.

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