

Petersburg Community Club says wind farm, subdivision, camper pads are all "Good News" for Petersburg

During discussion at the Tuesday, Sept. 8 meeting of the Petersburg Community Club, it was brought to the club's attention that the Q125 banners, which had been put up along Highway 14, had to be taken down due to seams separating. Affiliated has been contacted, but they will not apparently cover restoration. They cited that there had never been a problem with the banners before. Decision on the matter was tabled.

Concern was raised about the Rae Valley event and whether there was enough help. The club will need to discuss it at a future meeting.

Hank Thieman, "Bash in the Burg" committee member stated, "The event went very well and participation was great." He shared that the committee had an exit meeting following the event. He asked if the Petersburg Community Club would like to make the NCIP Leadership's "Bash in the Burg" a part of the organization. He also thanked the club for their assistance in running the funding through their treasury and their sponsorship. It is hoped some of these committee members will also join the club. It was agreed that there are definitely people in the community with the ability for leadership for Petersburg.

Secretary Doug Wright asked if this event would continue to be used as a fund-raiser. The committee would like to continue to use this event as funding for the proposed marquee sign.

It was brought to the club's attention that this is an alcohol-related project and it was asked if there were any objections. It was decided that it was no problem.

According to Treasurer Allen Thorberg, the profits to date are around \$5,000. There could still be some outstanding bills. A letter has been sent to local businesses people asking if their business would support the sign.

Tina Henn reported that the Firemen's Trail Ride went great. They had enough help with mostly firemen and EMT's doing the work. Dale Salber said that the organizers did a great job. There were 139 horses. On guest night, they served 170 steaks. It was a night when they invited the participating landowners.

Village Clerk Jeanne Stokes has the sign-out sheet for any organization using the club's grill and she is the only person to contact to reserve it.

Kathy Thorberg reminded members that the dates to assist with conces-

sions at the Gateway Theatre will be Oct. 9, 10 and 11.

Allen Thorberg noted at this time that all events are within budget.

During the ag section of the meeting, Bruce Werner said, "The corn and beans are behind schedule, and the hay takes a long time to dry due to the cool damp weather."

Petersburg welcome sign committee member Monty Reicks gave a brief description of the proposed "Welcome to Petersburg" sign. The committee is waiting for an estimate on the concrete before an overall cost can be determined.

Hank Thieman shared that the camper pads are in the park and the grass has been seeded. Wright Electric did a great job with the installation. Hank said, "I encourage you to take a look at it. It's a big asset to our community."

Thieman also reported that since the surveying is complete, the road in the new housing development is expected to begin soon.

Thorberg added, "Loup Power is ready to go. They plan to bury lines and install street lights." There will be access to an alley running behind the houses for utility work. "The project is exciting news for our community," said Community Club Chairman Pat Thieman.

Thieman also said that election of officers is coming up soon. "We do need new officers, so we're hoping someone will step up and volunteer."

The Halloween kids costume contest will be discussed with that committee.

Thieman and Jeff Temme gave an update on the Q125. Most of the memorabilia items are ordered, but Pat is still in need of old photos to be used on coffee mugs. Anyone with old photos are asked to contact her.

The music jam in the park scheduled for September was cancelled due to a number of other activities.

Tickets for the Q125 wall hanging are now on sale. There is a possibility of another, but smaller wind field being considered by Third Planet Windpower, east of town.

There is a shortage of homes to rent in Petersburg. "I guess that's a good thing," said Hank Thieman.

There will be approximately 60-70 workers at one time expected to work on the wind farm during construction. The various organizations will be informed of activities when the construction manager arrives.

Temme added, "All this will change our community a little bit."

"Yes, but that's good news for Petersburg," added Hank Thieman. Christmas committee member John Temme has reported that they are in the process of narrowing down the Christmas entertainment.

Shirley Henn informed members about a nice article about Punkin' ChunkinTM and Petersburg in the new Nebraska Life Magazine. The article commented how impressed other communities are that Petersburg can pull everything off. It's not just a few people that make things work, it's everyone willing to help. Even if they only volunteer for an hour or so, that helps, as well as volunteers of all ages.

Henn asked if the community club members could bring bars to be sold at the Punkin' ChunkinTM lunch stand. Last year, some baked items were sold and they went very well. The committee would also like to ask different people to help. Some of the committee have been doing the same job for years, and they would like a chance to participate in the event.

Former Petersburg resident Mike Thiem was appointed as the Boone County Emergency Manager. He plans to move to Petersburg from Norfolk with his family.

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