

UNL students show design ideas in St. Edward, Albion

UNL third and fourth year architecture students, along with Professor Martin Despang, returned to Boone County to display their work to the public last Saturday, March 27.

Their first stop was the St. Edward Community Center, to show designs for a new community gathering place.

Many area residents moved among the displays as students explained their ideas for design, location and construction materials. Three possible sites were used for this facility, one on Beaver Street to replace the existing community center, one in the north

part of town near the school and park, and another in the northeast corner of town.

In the afternoon, the students displayed designs for a possible new performing arts center on the southeast corner of the Boone Central School grounds in Albion.

These concepts varied widely, and included subterranean and above ground, with seating for 450 to 600 people and special consideration for energy efficiency.

The students' next project will be to design a grocery store and warehouse for the Petersburg community



UNL architecture student Benton Cooper discusses his performing arts center design with Deb Figgner, left, and Carolyn Gray.