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2010 Sac County Endowment Foundation Grants

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The Sac County Endowment Foundation will be holding a grant training session on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 1:30 p.m. in the lower meeting room of the SETD office at 615 West Main Street.

This year the foundation will have approximately \$96,800.00 to grant to vertical infrastructure projects in Sac County. Since the inception of foundation in 2006, they have been able to grant \$258,044.57 in grant funds to complete projects in Sac County. These funds in turn leveraged hundreds of thousands of dollars in public and private funds invested in our future.

Eligible applicants are 501(c)3 non-profit organizations or units of

government. Projects must have 50% matching funds. Community planning is an essential part in all projects, so if you need help with planning, please contact the SETD office.

We strongly encourage those anticipating filling out the applications to attend the training session.

Applications are **due Dec. 4, 2009 by 4:00 p.m.** Grants will be reviewed by the board and then sent to our parent foundation. Notification should be made by March if your application is successful.

For more information on the application process, please contact the Endowment Foundation at 712-662-7383 or shirley@saccountyiowa.com.

**Don't forget to vote
Nov. 3rd for City
Elections**

2010 Sac County Calendar of Events

The deadline is approaching to have your community or organization's annual and special events listed on the 2010 Calendar.

This calendar is shared on the SETD website and distributed throughout the county. Please submit your information by email to Lynda@saccountyiowa.com or call 712-662-7383 by November 6th.

Auburn presents a "Key to the City" to Roy & Bobbi Reiman

On Sunday, Oct. 18th, over 100 citizens and visitors gathered near Reiman Park in Auburn to celebrate the renovation of their downtown and other community successes by presenting a "Key to the City" to their most famous benefactors Roy & Bobbi Reiman. The Reimans have contributed considerably to many projects in the Auburn community, the latest is the streetscape renovation which is in the process of completely transforming Main Street (Hwy. 71) in their city limits.

Mayor Linda Biedler officially declared Oct. 18, 2009 as Roy & Bobbi Reiman Day and presented them with the key. Roy Reiman, well known journalist & publicist, thanked the crowd and spoke about his many fond memories of the community. He specifically thanked Nancy Janssen, City Clerk, for all her communication and dedication to the community.

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Veterans Appreciation Event

Peggy Dettmann, Veterans Affairs Coordinator, announced that there will be a special event for Veterans held on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sac County Fairgrounds. There will be Veterans Service Officers available for questions regarding benefits, claims and more. Sac County Health Services will be doing free blood pressure checks and providing other health information. They will also be collecting old and tattered American flags for proper disposal and there will be refreshments.

At 4 p.m. the guest speaker for the day will be Betty Nielsen of Fonda, creator of the Freedom Quilts.

For more information, contact Peggy Dettmann at 712-662-4552 or peggyd@saccounty.org.



Auburn Presents Key to the City cont.

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The Reimans should serve as an inspiration to all of us as they continue to invest in their home community. “First we learn, then we earn and then return,” said Roy Reiman to the crowd.

Following the ceremony, the group took part in a Fall Festival at the park where there was a bake sale, kids games, and more. Roy & Bobbi Reiman were treated to a horse drawn wagon ride around the city (driven by Nancy Janssen) to see the various improvements and projects throughout the community.

The Winds in Iowa

Iowa is already the second-largest wind generator in the nation with 2,800 megawatts of capacity. Only Texas has more according to a study for Harvard University’s Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences called “Global Potential for Wind-Generated Electricity.”

Iowa is part of a block of states that has the potential to supply up to 16 times the normal electricity consumption in the United States. The problem that state and federal energy policymakers worry about is the need for expanded transmission capacities to move wind-generated electricity from the population-sparse Great Plains eastward to Chicago and on to the Eastern seaboard.

Several entities, including ITC Holdings of Michigan and MidAmerican Energy of Des Moines, are putting together transmission line proposals that would move wind energy from the Dakotas through Iowa and Minnesota across the Mississippi River

eastward. Such lines, which have been likened to the interstate highway system or the 19th century transcontinental railroad, would cost up to \$12 billion. Eastern states lack the wind capabilities present in the Great Plains.



According to information supplied by MidAmerican Energy recently, they are a large taxpayer in Sac County and throughout the state of Iowa. The statewide semiannual payment of more than \$42.9 million makes MidAmerican the largest property tax-paying entity in Iowa.

The payments are based on the investment MidAmerican has made in property necessary to maintain and enhance electric & natural gas service to its customers—from power plants, wind turbines and natural gas distribution lines to transformers and meters. The payments benefit 80 of Iowa’s 99 counties

For fiscal year 2009-2010, MidAmerican Energy will pay \$831,520.00 in property tax to Sac County alone.

The Iowa Department of Public Health presents Information on the H1N1 Flu

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Upper Midwest Center for Public Health Preparedness & Safeguard Iowa Partnership will present the latest information related to the upcoming influenza season to the business community during a free webcast. Current information impacting the business community related to H1N1 will be discussed. There will be an opportunity to submit questions. Specific recommendations and guidelines will be provide for business regarding infectious diseases and protecting the workforce. The webcast will be offered on Oct. 21 (3:00—5:00 p.m.) & Oct. 27 (9:00—11:00 a.m.). Businesses can register for the webcast at www.safeguardiowa.org under events and registration. For questions, please contact Safeguard Iowa Partnership at sip@safeguardiowa.org.

Sac County Health Services asks the public to remember the 3 C's to Fight the Flu. They have taken cards to many businesses to post, sent emails to many agencies and are doing their best to promote good health during this flu season.



Lake View Plans Ribbon Cutting for Streetscape

On Saturday, Oct. 31, join the residents of Lake View as they celebrate their new streetscape project. The fun will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Main Street as brats, chips & pop will be served to all in attendance.

At noon the ribbon cutting will be held as the Mayor thanks all those who participated in various projects. There will also be recognitions and community awards for the 2009 Public Improvement Project, the Business Renovation, Volunteer of the Year, Best Event of the Year, Business Improvement Project, New Business Recognition, Community Organization, and Business Expansion.

There will be booths set up (in the Legion Hall if inclement weather) showcasing the new Hotel project, the Water Quality project, The Black Hawk Trail Project, the Lake View Museum, the 2010 Events Planned and Future Projects for the community.

The City of Lake View has expanded their Façade Revolving Loan Fund for businesses throughout the community. They can now borrow up to \$5,000 at 1/2% interest for 18 months with a match of 33% private investment in the project. For more information, contact Scott Peterson at the city office.

Lake View will also be holding a referendum for Hotel/Motel Tax on election day, Nov. 3rd. The tax will become effective if passed on this day and needs a simple majority to pass.

The tax of 7% (customary throughout the state) will be included on rooms rented at any hotel, motel, bed & breakfast or any place in Lake View where sleeping accommodations are furnished to transient guests. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 26th at the Lake View Library at 6:30 p.m. A question and answer session will follow the information meeting.

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**Women now control 83%
of consumer purchases.**

Needed: Qualified Software Engineers

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates a need for more than 324,000 new software engineers by 2016. Yet the Computing Research Association found that only 10,000 undergraduate computer-science degrees were awarded by major universities in 2008.

Education, Parade, Oct. 18, 2009

Sac County Barb Quilt Signs Are Up Around the County

The photo below (taken by Daryl Cleveland of Odebolt) is just one of the newer signs welcoming visitors to Sac County, home of the Sac County Barn Quilts.

These colorful signs will draw visitors attention to the various patterns along their travel throughout the county. Thanks to the Barn Quilt committee for erecting these signs and thanks to Daryl for sharing the photo with us.



Quilt-a-Fair—a Huge Success

Well over 1,000 people attended the Second Sac County Quilt-a-Fair on September 26-27 at the Sac County Fairgrounds. The many volunteers have worked for two years planning this event featuring beautiful quilted items made or owned by Sac County Quilters, but also highlighted the county's barn quilts. They also added a car show, tractor show and many vendors to the event. The highlight of the show included national speaker and quilt teacher, writer and publisher, Eleanor Burns, (CA) who spoke to a crowd of over 400 at the Christian Church on Saturday.



Congratulations on a job well done in bringing folks from Iowa and the surrounding states to Sac County for another successful event. Planning has already started on the 2011 Quilt-A-Fair. If you would like to volunteer, contact Sue Peyton at 712-662-3507 or speyton@prairieinet.net.

October is National Popcorn Month

Let's give a salute to all the popcorn companies in Sac County and all the snacks they provide nationwide and even internationally.

Did you know:

- An average American eats 52 quarts of popcorn each year.
- Popcorn is a source of fiber, carbohydrates and whole grain.
- One cup of plain air-popped popcorn = 31 calories.

And Sac County is home once again to the World's Largest Popcorn Ball which continues to draw visitors every day.

Your Organization

How is your organization holding up in these tough economic times? Do you often find yourself in "Civilized Combat?" It takes a great deal of teamwork to survive nowadays, as well as adequate leadership.

Do you know how to tell if your organization is in trouble and will be dead in 2 years or less? Look out the window after a meeting. If there is a "Parking Lot Meeting" going on, you're dead.