



FALLS CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH ENTERPRISE | VOLUME II | 2018

Our mission is to encourage economic development and growth and improve the business conditions of the Falls City area.

TEACHER TO INDUSTRY EXTERNSHIP



Teachers and industry leaders: Sammy Sailors (Airlanco) Audrey Peterson, Gale Dunkhas, Jason Vitosh, Kris Ogle, Laurel Harling, Terri Hogue, Suzanne Ahrens-Ebel, Julie Froeschl, Betsy Nelson and Doug Goltz, Randy Sailors (Airlanco)

Falls City EDGE hosted an Educator to Industry Externship day on Friday, June 29th with 19 educators and 5 industries, Vantec, Inc., FAST Global Solutions, Kearney Welding, Falls City Foods and Airlanco, taking part in the

experience. Teachers from Falls City Public Schools, Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer (HTRS), Southeast Community College and Sacred Heart joined forces with our local industries for an interactive professional development experience. This program was offered to give educators an opportunity to learn about the companies in our Industrial Park which, in turn, will help educators provide students with unique guidance about local manufacturing careers. Karen Mezger, Guidance Counselor at HTRS, was grateful for the opportunity, "It was simply a great day of learning from the leaders in the business and industry world."



Mr. Windle enjoyed the day and had the opportunity to talk with many successful former students!



Teachers and industry leaders: Don Coolidge, Rick Johnson, Holly Carr, Kim Vrtiska, Julie Frederick, Sara Barker, Karen Mezger, Roger Windle, Mary Moser and Bob Ebel (FAST Global Solutions)

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Hey 2018 Tiger and Irish grads it's time to show your town spirit! Falls City EDGE will be awarding one \$500 Scholarship to the graduate who is **#fallscityproud!**

Entering is so easy! Just submit a 30-60 (or a bit longer) second video explaining why you are **#fallscityproud!** Share your favorite places, people, jobs or activities! Tell us why you are proud to be from our amazing community!

[APPLY HERE!](#)



Falls City Foods just celebrated 1 year in business in Falls City and they have exciting plans for an expanded footprint. Stay tuned as the company plans to invest, once again, in Falls City! Recently, EDGE representatives traveled to the Corporate Headquarters as a part of our Business Retention and Expansion efforts and to thank them for doing business in Falls City. [#fallscityproud](#)



EDGE ASSET MODERNIZATION GRANT

The Falls City EDGE Board of Directors continues to offer the EDGE Asset Modernization grant which is an opportunity available to manufacturers and agricultural/food product processors in Richardson County. The initiative is intended to stimulate modernization of assets by area businesses and the resources of the initiative are available as a 3% grant for new or used (manufactured after 2005) machinery and equipment acquired with plans to be placed in service within 90 days of the grant award. Contact the Falls City EDGE office to learn more about this program by contacting Beckie Cromer, 402.245.2105.



The Grand Weaver Opens 3rd Floor

Mitch Glaeser loves the town of Falls City and he has made generous investments in the continued restoration of the Grand Weaver Hotel Falls City EDGE congratulates Mitch and his team at hotel on the ribbon cutting event which unveiled their 3rd floor renovation project in May of 2018. This multi-million dollar investment includes the addition of 5 luxury apartments and 5 hotel rooms. Ever dreamed of living in downtown Falls City? Well, that dream

can be a reality by contacting the staff at the Grand Weaver Hotel, 402.245.2448. It doesn't get much better than that!



Public Community Meeting Scheduled for Falls City

Hometown Housing Opportunities—Building Communities Together

WHEN: August 3, 2018 at Noon

WHERE: Dickey's BBQ Pit-117 E. 17th-Falls City, NE

Lunch will be provided by Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise Inc. (EDGE)

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Housing Programs

- 100% Home Financing and Subsidized DIRECT Homeownership Loan Program for Very Low and Low Income Applicants
- 100% Home Financing GUARANTEED Homeownership Loan Program for up to Moderate Income Applicants
- 100% Owner-Occupied Home Repair Loans and Grants for Very Low Income Applicants

PRESENTERS:

- United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (RD)
- Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)

For more information contact: Rural Development Housing Specialist Krista Mettscher-402.437.5518-krista_mettscher@ne.usda.gov-www.rd.usda.gov/ne; Executive Director of Falls City EDGE Beckie Cromer-402.245.2105-director@fallscityedge.com-www.fallscityedge.com.



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EVENT CENTER PLANNING UNDERWAY!



Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds were awarded to Herrick – Bruxellas Properties in order to assist in reinvestment efforts of Paulo Bruxellas in his recently purchased historic downtown building formerly home to Chaney Furniture Company. The plans call for development of an event center with future possibilities that include a tasting room which would feature Miles Ranch wines. Paulo notes, “this investment will encourage more activity in the downtown area which, in turn, will help generate traffic to the entire downtown area.” Look for exciting improvements to start soon!

UPRR RAIL SITE IN THE PLANNING STAGES



Falls City EDGE has entered into an option for a Union Pacific Railroad served site that is nearly 900 acres. A Service Feasibility Questionnaire has been submitted to the railroad for approval and a contract with Via Rail for 10% rail design has been submitted. Marketing of this site can begin once these services have been completed. This is a speculative site concept which allowed us to add to our inventory of sites/buildings listings.

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