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Happy New Year!!

Jones County Economic Development welcomes Supervisor Wayne Manternach and Anamosa City Councilman Cody Shaffer to the Jones County Economic Development Executive Board.

Supervisor Manternach will be an excellent addition to the team of executive board members. He replaces Supervisor Keith Dirks. Due to time constraints, Supervisor Dirks has decided to step-down from the board. Keith has been on the board from the inception of the economic development organization for Jones County. Keith helped create the organization and has always been diligent to the economic development efforts in Jones County.

Anamosa City Councilman Cody Shaffer will also be an excellent member of the board. He is replacing ex-councilman Tom Swisher. Tom was appointed to the executive board when he was elected to the Anamosa City Council. Tom decided not to run for re-election on the Anamosa City Council and therefore relinquished his seat on the executive board. Tom was always supportive of the organizations economic development efforts.

The Jones County Economic Development Organization thanks Supervisor Dirks and Mr. Swisher for their dedication of time and effort to the organization. The organization also looks forward to working with Councilman Shaffer and Supervisor Manternach.

In this month's edition of the JCED Business Network Newsletter are the dates and times of the upcoming Economic Development Roundtable meetings. Make special note to these upcoming meetings, we are continuing the "Get to Know Jones County Industries" series. We invite everyone to these informative presentations and look forward to seeing you there!

As always, Jones County Economic Development is committed to assisting with the needs of your company.

Marty Kelzer
Executive Director

Economic Development Roundtable

The next Economic Development Roundtable meeting is **Tuesday February 9, 2010 (12:00 noon - 1:00p.m.)**. The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Center in downtown Monticello. Lunch - \$5.00

The February Roundtable will continue our "Get To Know Jones County Industries" series featuring presentations from Tom Yeoman with Yeoman & Company (Yo-Ho) and Doug Wortman with ORBIS Corporation.

Attendee's will have the opportunity to learn about what each of these companies manufacture, their workforce, and their presence in a global economy.

We encourage you to be part of this excellent opportunity to hear what is happening in our industries in Jones County, as we continue this series of presentations.

Please RSVP Kris at the Monticello Chamber (319-465-5626 or chamber@macc-ia.us)

Upcoming Roundtable: March 9th, 2010. Continuation of the "Get To Know Jones County Industries" series. Presenters: Mike Szymaszek, President, Energy Manufacturing and John Williams, President/CEO, Julin Printing Co.

If you have not yet attended one of these events, it would be to your advantage to do so. Not only can you hear an informative presentation, it is also an opportunity to network with your peers in the county!



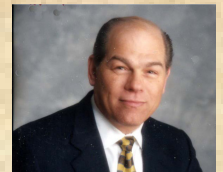
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Iowa Job Training Program (260F)



The purpose of the Iowa Job Training Program (260F) is to foster the growth and competitiveness of Iowa’s workforce and industry by ensuring that Iowa’s workforce has the skills and expertise to compete with any workforce outside the state of Iowa.



The Iowa Jobs Training Program has many of the same business eligibility requirements of the Iowa Industrial New Jobs Training Program designed for new employees rather than existing employees. The program funds are available on a first come, first served basis and are awarded through an application process.

Who is Eligible?

Businesses and industries eligible to participate in this program are engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce for the purpose of:

- Manufacturing, processing, or assembling products
- Conducting research and development; or,
- Providing services in interstate commerce

How Does it Work?

The Iowa Jobs Training program (260F) is a great program you can use to help make your training dollars go farther! This program allows companies to be reimbursed between 50% and 75% on most training expenses. This program is administered by Kirkwood Community College.

The assistance from the state is based on training expense reimbursement. A qualifying company completes an application provided by Kirkwood Community College. The state determines eligibility based on the application. Once approved, the company will then be reimbursed up to \$20,000 per application and up to \$50,000 over a three-year period per company location.

If you have any questions related to the Iowa Jobs Training Program (260F) please contact Marty Kelzer with Jones County Economic Development at 319-480-7446 or email mkelzer@jonescountydevelopment.com

Featured Business: Georgia Pacific (Monticello)

Georgia Pacific (Monticello) is this month’s featured business!

Georgia Pacific
823 N. Cedar Street
Monticello, IA 52310
1-800-332-5431
www.gp.com

Georgia Pacific (Monticello) is a recognized leader of customer-focused packaging solutions. They work closely with customers, from conceptualization and design through the supply chain, to engineer the highest quality products that meet production, distribution, and sales requirements while supporting environmental sustainability goals.



Types of products offered:

- Cartons & Containers
- High-end Graphic Packaging
- Kraft Paper Multiwall Bags
- Lamilux Moisture Resistant Packaging
- Packaging Board

In addition to the packaging offered, the Georgia Pacific (Monticello) location is noted for their employee safety practices. The local facility participates in a top-notch safety program called the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) designed to promote excellence in safety and health by recognizing facilities with outstanding occupational safety and health management systems.

Congratulations to Georgia Pacific (Monticello) for obtaining such a high recognition in worker safety!



Encouraging Population Growth for Jones County



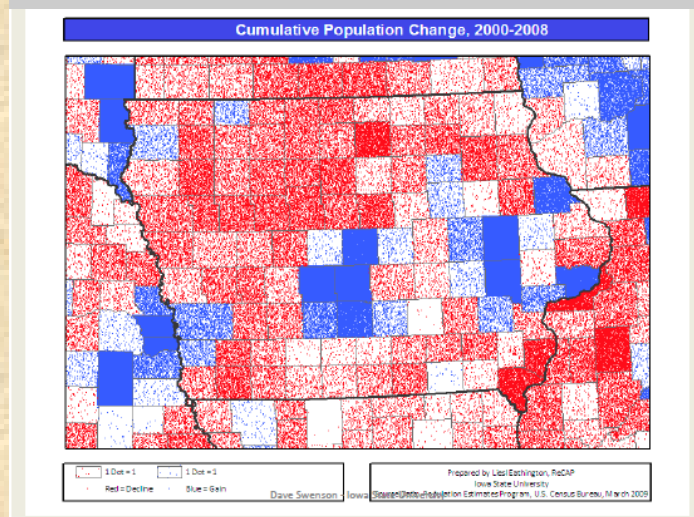
According to a recent presentation given by Dave Swenson, Iowa State University, and information provided by the Population Estimates Program, US Census Bureau, March 2009 (Cumulative Population Change, 2000 - 2008) Jones County continues to grow.

Counter to the declining population trend that is apparent in most rural counties across the state, Jones County indicates a positive population gain.

Contributing to this growth is our location between two metro areas (Dubuque and Cedar Rapids) and the ease of transportation along US Highway 151.

The addition of the new Jones Regional Medical Center and the new Kirkwood Community College Jones Regional Education Center also contribute.

Furthermore, the commercial and industrial businesses in Jones County continue to excel which heightens the demand for additional workforce, thereby attracting individuals due to careers.



Site Development



This month's featured site is the 'Sommerville' site along Highway 151 outside of Monticello.

This 7 +/- acre site provides high exposure along Highway 151 for any commercial or industrial business. This site also provides for direct access to 4-lane US Highway 151 and in close proximity to the Monticello Regional Airport.

The site has been graded to accommodate an 80,000 square foot building with dock doors, etc. With the grading work complete, this site is 'building ready.'

The utilities to the site include:

- Electric - Alliant Energy
- Natural Gas - Black Hills
- Water/Sewer - Private



If you have any questions or you would like to inquire about this site opportunity, contact Marty Kelzer, Jones County Economic Development, mkelzer@jonescountydevelopment.com