Phelps County Business Journal

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PHELPS COUNTY, NEBRASKA



Favorable Study Results

This spring, PCDC hired Convergent Nonprofit Solutions to conduct interviews with investors, public officials and community members to determine the feasiblity of a fundraising campaign.

Here's a few of the interesting findings:

69%

Considered the local economy to be "excellent" or "good."

45%

Worried that the current growth wouldn't be enough to sustain economic prosperity and that more needs to be done.

81%

Ranked PCDC as effective or very effective in its work to ecnourage business growth and retention in the county.

To find out more about the study and the next steps, see page 5.

HEADQUARTERED IN HOLDREGE

Ag Businesses Thrive Beyond County

It's no secret that Phelps County has strong agricultural roots.

The black fertile soil found in this area is named "Holdrege soil," and the aquifer below provides abundant water supplies.

But, in addition to being an ideal location to grow crops, Holdrege is also a great place to grow an agricultural business.

Many entrepreneurs have sprouted agricultural-related business in Holdrege, and at least six local companies started ag businesses in the area and have branched out to locations around the state and beyond with headquarters remaining in Holdrege.

The leaders of these successful companies say Phelps County has a rich agricultural history and progressive farms that create a supportive business climate for ag-related businesses.

LandMark Implement

Headquarters: 915 Brewster Road, Holdrege

Other Locations: Arapahoe: Beatrice: Elwood: Fairfield: Gothenburg: Hastings; Hebron; Kearney; Lexington; Minden; Red Cloud; Shelton; Superior; Smith Center; Kan.; Marysville, Kan.; Phillipsburg, Kan.

Employees: 420 (55 in Holdrege) LandMark: The LandMark Implement John Deere Dealership began in 1947 in Holdrege as McClymont Implement and was started by Holdrege resident Clyde McClymont and his son Richard (Dick) McClymont. In the early 1970s, McClymont Implement became the first John Deere dealer to reach \$1 million in whole goods sales volume within its territory.

Dick retired in 1985, and his sons,



Richard and Ted, took over operations. They first expanded in 1994 with the purchase of the John Deere dealership in Alma. Expansions continued, and in 2006, the company changed its name to LandMark Implement.

Today, the company is still headquartered in Holdrege and has 17 dealership locations, including the Holdrege site.

Ted McClymont said it made sense to locate the headquarters of the business where it all started. It's a central location and home to some of the "best farmland in the world."

"Holdrege is just a great progressive community to be in for an ag-related business," he said.

Ag West:

Headquarters: 415 West 4th Ave., Holdrege

Other Locations: Sutton: Imperial: Gretna; Beatrice; Yuma, Colo.; Paola,

Kan.; and Humboldt, Iowa.

Employees: 35

This agricultural commodity business started in owner Steve Knuth's rural Harlan County home 17 years ago. As business grew and he needed to expand, the Phelps County Development Corporation lured him to Holdrege.

"If it weren't for a few folks with PCDC, AgWest would have likely ended up with headquarters at Kearney," Knuth said. "The decision to land here was prompted by encouragement from Kyle Anderson, Roger Allmand and Linda Black."

PCDC offered gap financing for the move and grant money for an employee incentive package, which solidified his decision to move to Holdrege. In 2012, Ag West built a new headquarters at 415 4th Ave. in Holdrege and again

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New PCDC Director Encouraged By Existing Spirit Of Growth & Optimism

As Ron Tillery begins the next phase of his career in Phelps County, he's glad to be stepping onto already fertile ground.

The new Phelps County Economic
Development Director first visited Phelps County
back in the 1980s. At the time, he was co-owner of
the NTV news station.

And later, during his 17 years leading the Buffalo County Economic Development Council in Kearney, he made other trips to Holdrege for business.

"It was clear to me that people in Holdrege were connected to the community and took a lot of pride in their



Ron Tillery

town," Tillery said. "Today, that's more apparent than ever."

Tillery began work at the end of May for PCDC. He brings with him years of economic development, communications and community-building experience and is excited about the opportunity to take Phelps County to the next level.

As he begins on this economic-development journey in Phelps County, Tillery is excited to begin with a progressive community that has already been set on the right path.

"All of the municipal improvements demonstrate that Holdrege is optimistic and ready for growth," he said. "Surprisingly, that is often the biggest hurdle for a community: to reinvest in itself and maintain an optimistic outlook. To grow, you have to embrace the prospect of change. Holdrege is ahead of the game in that regard. We think Holdrege in particular presents a very attractive option for small to medium-sized companies. The city shows so well. Great facilities. Good leadership."

Tillery said the next step is to build on the work that's already been completed. Some of his first tasks will be refining PCDC's strategic plan for the next five years and initiating a Target Industry

Study to determine what type of businesses would be best suited for Phelps County and the Iron Horse Business & Industry Park. He will also focus on building strong relationships with PCDC investors, community partners and future potential business owners.

"Those relationships will be built one by one, and that process has already begun," Tillery said. "Personal relationships play a heavy role in business attraction, just like any other endeavor. We intend to leverage my established network and expand it."

During his first month at PCDC, Tillery met with numerous business leaders and elected officials and will continue with that process.

"For me, it's exhilarating to dive into the community this way," he said. "I'm grateful for this opportunity to help Phelps County and don't want to be anywhere else."

Tillery said it should come as no surprise if new business prospects are generated through established relationships in Phelps County or surrounding counties.

Parallel to business attraction, Tillery said he will continue to support existing businesses and help them grow.

"Their needs are often centered on attracting or keeping workers," Tillery said. "Our role can take many forms including matching training and education needs as well as housing. Clearly, restricted housing choices poses a challenge to our future growth, so we will devote time and energy to that area. I was fortunate to quickly find the right property for me in Holdrege, but I know there is a large number of workers who commute because their needs aren't being met in the community."

Prior to coming to Holdrege, Tillery most recently served as executive director of the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Returning to central Nebraska and my roots in economic development is truly the best of all possible scenarios for me," Tillery said. "I can't think of anything more rewarding than to help a community build a prosperous, sustainable future."

Scholarship Recipients Return Home To Jobs

After two years of studying at Central Community College in Hastings, Evan Dow is now enjoying a full-time job as an apprentice electrician at K & D Motor and Electric in Holdrege.

Dow was among the first students to receive a high-demands job scholarship created through the Phelps County Development Corporation's Inspire & Recruit Talent Initiative.

He graduated from Loomis High School in 2014 and applied for the scholarship to study to be an electrician. Dow had job shadowed at K & D and started working at the business while in high school. He continued at K & D throughout college, working on his days off from school.

Dow graduated in May and is now enjoying helping local farmers and businesses solve their electrical issues.

"The scholarship was very important," Dow said. "It got me through most of the schooling. It made things a lot easier."

While he admits that he was leaning toward a career in Phelps County already, the scholarship helped him solidify his decision.

And at age 20, Dow has already accomplished another American dream by purchasing his first home in Holdrege. His roommate is Kelly Thorell, a fellow classmate from Loomis and also a high-demand jobs scholarship winner. Thorell is working at his family's farm and helping other local farmers

when needed.

2014 Scholarship Winners Andrew Daily (Southern Power) and Jill Gabriel (PMHC) have also completed their education and are working in Phelps County.

The 2016 Scholarship Winners were announced in May.

This year, \$22,500 in scholarships were awarded ranging from \$1,000-\$4,000 each.

The scholarships are intended to encourage graduating seniors and non-traditional students to pursue work in high-demand fields in the county.

The jobs in high demand have been identified by area employers and include: nursing, agribusiness and technology, diesel mechanic, engineer technologist, mechatronics engineer, injection mold technicians, electro-mechanical technologist, machinist, tool and die making, construction trades, welders and commercial truck drivers.

The 2016 scholarship winners are **Christina Ledbetter**, attending Central Community
College Grand Island for nursing; **Levi Woodring**, Holdrege graduate attending
Central Community College Hastings for diesel technology; **Lex Swanson**, Holdrege graduate attending Southeast Community College Milford



Evan Dow graduated in May with help from a PCDC scholarship and is now working at K & D Motor and Electric.

for diesel technology; Jared Denny, Bertrand graduate attending Central Community College Hastings for construction-electrician; Boe Barnett, Holdrege graduate attending Central Community College Hastings for constructiondrafting technology; Harley Scott, Holdrege graduate attending Mid-Plains Community College in McCook studying mortuary science: Nolan Breece, Holdrege graduate attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in agriculture; Blake Johnston, Holdrege graduate attending Central Community College Hastings studying precision agriculture; Zachary Gray, Holdrege graduate attending UNL majoring in agriculture; Alex Hamling, Holdrege graduate attending UNL majoring in agriculture; and Trevor Smith, Holdrege graduate attending UNL majoring in ag economics.



BD Plant Manager Chuck Mix visits with high school students at the Connecting the Dots career exploration event.

PCDC Invests in Future Work Force

Thanks to a PCDC sponsorship, a new Connecting the Dots Career exploration program took off in Phelps County this spring. About 45 high school freshman attended the first event on March 30.

Connecting the Dots is a University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension program that has been offered to high school students across Nebraska. It is designed to help teens learn more about careers of interest and how to "connect the dots" from ninth grade through postsecondary study to the workplace.

PCDC Program Coordinator Alli Donohue helped recruit local employers to visit with the students about careers in their areas of interest. Donohue said the most important outcome of this event was to inspire and recruit students by hearing "from successful professionals who chose to have their careers in Phelps County."

Ag Headquarters

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sought a loan with from PCDC's gap financing program.

Knuth said Holdrege "lies in the heart of some pretty serious agricultural production," and its central location makes travel easy in any direction.

Knuth also said the quality of life in Phelps County makes it appealing to recruit employees.

"The tremendous health care system, the YMCA and The Tassel are some amazing things for the size of this town," he said.

Central Valley Irrigation:

Headquarters: 1625 East Hwy 6, Holdrege **Other Locations:** Kearney and Lexington **Employees:** 50 (42 in Holdrege)

Holdrege resident Terry Gerdes started this irrigation company in Holdrege in 1980 to build and service Valley® center pivots. Long-time employee Monty Vonasek purchased the company in 2007. Central Valley expanded to Lexington in 2006 and then to Kearney in 2012. Also in 2006, Central Valley Electric was formed at the Holdrege location.

Central Valley services 6,000 irrigation systems in south-central Nebraska and north-central Kansas.

"Holdrege is a progressive community in a tremendous ag climate," Vonasek said. "It's a civic-minded community with a strong church base."

Vonasek describes the people as an asset of this area. Vonaek is one of the civic-minded people in the community, giving of his time and treasure to many community projects.

"Central Valley Irrigation is committed to supporting community and area programs and activities," Vonasek said. "The company has been blessed and is dedicated to strengthen our community to allow future generations to enjoy the quality of life we have experienced."

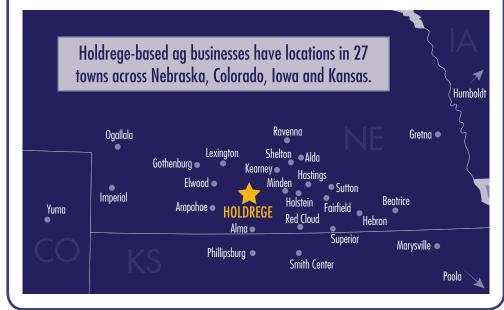
Holdrege Irrigation:

Headquarters: 2011 4th Ave., Holdrege **Other Locations:** Lexington, Alda and Ravenna **Employees:** 90

Lamar Schmidt started Holdrege Irrigation, a Reinke irrigation dealership, in 1991 with three employees. His son, Tim Schmidt, now oversees the company's operations, serving as vice president. The company has also expanded its services to include Holdrege Well Service, Holdrege Electric and Holdrege Trailer Sales.

Larmar Schmidt also described Holdrege as a

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"progressive" community.

"It's a great community to live and raise children in," he said. "Holdrege is really centrally located in a huge irrigated area. I've been able to find quality employees locally, which is worth a lot."

Lamar credits part of the company's success to "a lot of great customers who have supported us and told their friends and neighbors about us."

Wells Flying Service:

Headquarters: 1425 Brewster Road, Holdrege **Other Locations:** Ogallala

Employees: 8 (varies seasonally)

Wells Flying Service was founded in 1958 by local farmer Harley Wells as he started spraying because of a high demand to rid fields of root worm and other pests that could only be treated by air. The company has evolved into a full service aerial and ground application business. The company is still owned and operated by the Wells family, including Dave Wells and his sons, Ryan, Nick and Randy.

Dave said the company expanded to Ogallala five years ago because there was a need for aerial spraying services there.

"There wasn't anyone spraying out of Ogallala at that time," he said. "We just thought there was an opportunity out there."

Wells described the area between Phelps County and east toward York as the "heart of Nebraska ag."

"We have progressive farmers and great

customers," Wells said. "It's a very stable agricultural economy. I don't know if we could have a better locale than being based in Holdrege."

Nebraskaland Aviation

Headquarters: 1002 Brewster Road, Holdrege **Other Locations:** Alma, Holstein, Phillipsburg, Kan.

Nebraskaland Aviation also provides aerial and ground application of chemicals and fertilizers for farmers as well as soil sampling, infrared imaging and now mosquito treatment. The company was started in Holdrege in 1975 and is now owned by Tye Marquardt.

Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District (CNPPID)

Headquarters: 415 Lincoln St., Holdrege Other Locations: Gothenburg, Bertrand,

Ogallala (Kingsley Dam) **Employees:** 103

While Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District is not a business, it is an important part of the ag sector, and it is headquartered in Holdrege. Central's work of diverting surface water for irrigation has resulted in abundant groundwater supplies for Phelps County farmers and industries.

CNPPID is the largest irrigation district in Nebraska and oversees hydro-power generation and supplying supplemental irrigation water to more than 110,000 acres of farm ground using Platte River Basin water.

PLANNING FOR PROSPERITY

PCDC Planting Seeds For New Growth

A new-five year strategic plan and methods to fund that plan are top priorities for the Phelps County Development Corporation during the next few months.

As the organization transitions to new leadership with the hiring of executive director Ron Tillery, it will focus on giving him the resources needed to grow the community in the next five years.

"I look forward to helping Phelps County build community for the American dream and to create future jobs for kids," Tillery said.

PCDC is drawing near the end of its current 5-year strategic plan that was created in 2011 and will be completed at the end of 2016.

The plan, which was funded through LB840 sales tax funds and the Prosperity Project campaign, has resulted in many benefits for Phelps County:

- 1) The 134-acre Iron Horse Business & Industry Park was purchased to provide space for new or expanding business.
- 2) PCDC provided gap-financing loans to several area businesses for expansion projects, including Allmand Bros. and the Dale Loft Apartments.
- 3) Thirty-three Phelps County students received scholarships to fund their education for high-demand jobs in Phelps County. Along with that, PCDC has worked to educate students about future career possibilities in Phelps County and the benefits of returning to their hometowns after graduation. This initiative has helped both students and local employers, who work hard to find good employees in a tight job market.
- 4) PCDC provided financial backing for the Holdrege downtown revitalization project along with façade improvement grants to businesses in Holdrege, Loomis and Bertrand.

These are just a few of the accomplishments of PCDC's initial Prosperity Project.

Now the board is looking into the next five years. With comments from community

Husker Alumnus Joins Community To Help With Fund-Raising Goals

David Madigan of Convergent Nonprofit Solutions will be meeting with PCDC staff, community members and investors while

on assignment in Phelps County for the next six months.

Madigan is a Husker alumnus from the 1950s and a business man who has more than two decades of experience counseling non-



Dave Madigan

profit organizations in fund-raising.

He will be living in and being part of the Phelps County community for the remainder of 2016.

Madigan began his career with General Motors in Omaha and then Sioux City, Iowa. He then advanced to a banking career as a VP with First Union National Bank (FUNB) in Charlotte, NC, and eventually formed

Bancorp Management and opened offices in Raleigh, Atlanta and Denver. Bancorp was a visionary in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Bancorp represented banks across the nation in their expansion activities.

In addition to his work in the business world, he also has served in the public sector as the Division Director for Field Services for the North Carolina Department of Revenue and as the North Carolina Savings and Loan Regulator.

Madigan brings to each assignment the knowledge and experience gained throughout his business career, which has included several successful entrepreneurial startups.

He has provided fund-raising counsel to non-profits throughout the United States.

While David is most comfortable communicating with top tier management, he also understands the importance of listening to all levels of input as an early and real life lesson learned was, "if you want a better ditch dug, ask the ditch diggers."

members and investors from a spring campaign feasibility study, the board will now refine a strategic plan with the help of Convergent Nonprofit Solutions and begin the process of raising funds to support the initiatives.

Convergent also helped guide the process for the first Prosperity Project campaign.

Of those interviewed in the spring 2016 feasibility study, two-thirds (69 percent) considered the local economy to be "excellent" or "good." However, about 45 percent worried that the current growth wouldn't be enough to sustain economic prosperity and that more needs to be done.

Interviewees cited lack of housing as one of the greatest weaknesses in the county right now. The greatest strengths listed were quality of life (great schools, churches, recreational facilities, health care and strong work ethic), along with abundant water supplies and rail access.

Based on the campaign feasibility study results, Convergent recommends that at this time, the county would support a \$1.1 million campaign.

Groundwork is currently being conducted for a public campaign scheduled to begin in September.

YMCA Expands, Will Offer Child Care

The Don Sjogren Community YMCA has purchased the former R7 school south of Holdrege and plans to offer full-day and eventually 24-hour child care and other programming at the facility.



Shannon Land

The new child care at R7 is expected to open by mid-August. It will serve up to 61 children ages six weeks to 6 years. The initial hours will be 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shannon Land, former director of the Holdrege Head Start,

has been hired as the Y's Child Care Director. An estimated 20 full or part-time child care workers will be needed to staff the new child care.

The Y also currently offer an after-school program for children in elementary school and will be able to allow more children into that program with the new space.

The Y has also moved its YMCA of the Prairie corporate offices to that location. Staff at the corporate office oversee operations at both the Don Sjogren Community YMCA in Holdrege and the Orthman Community YMCA in Lexington.

308 Boutique Adds More Space

The 308 Boutique celebrated its second anniversary this spring with an expansion that added 20 more feet of space to the store, allowing for expanded inventory including a larger selection of men's clothing.

Owners Janel Moore and Erin Sandy opened the store in 2014 and have boosted sales with creative marketing techniques and spring and fall fashions shows, popular clothing lines and great customer service.

The 308 Boutique offers men's, women's and young girls clothing, jewelry, shoes and handbags. They recently partnered with Elevate to sell leather products made by artisans in India.

The boutique is located at 320 West Ave. in downtown Holdrege.



Stephanie's Expands to Kearney

Stephanie's home décor opened a second location in Kearney at the Hilltop Mall on June 1. "It's been in the back of my mind for quite a while," owner Stephanie Klein said about the expansion. "That mall is very busy, and just the right spot opened up."

The Kearney store is near Herberger's on the south side of the mall. She hired five employees to work at that location, and she will remain working in Holdrege most of the time.

Klein hopes that having the Kearney location will also drive more traffic to her main store in downtown Holdrege at 309 West Ave. The Kearney store is only about 600 square feet, and she encourages shoppers who like the store's products and styles to visit the Holdrege store for a wider selection as it's four to five times bigger.

Stephanie's sells home décor with an industrial-modern feel and some vintage designs. She also sells repurposed antiques and personal accessories, such as jewelry and handbags.

For more information about Stephanie's, visit the website at www.stephaniesbeinspired.com.

Janssen & Sons Opens New Expanded Ford Location

Janssen & Sons Ford moved to its new location on West Highway 6 & 34 in early June.

Janssen purchased the 5.5 acre parcel for its new store from PCDC to create space for its new larger 17,000-square foot store.

The new location gives the dealership about 5,000 more square feet of space and a new quick-service lane that allows customers to come in for vehicle oil changes, tire fixes and other minor repairs without having to make an appointment.

Photo courtesy of the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce.



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Mallory Haas Joins PMHC

Mallory Haas, PA, recently began practice at Phelps Memorial Health Center. She is currently working full time at Family Medical Specialties and also in the Phelps Memorial

emergency room.



Mallory Haas

Haas received her bachelor's of Science in Human Biology degree from Chadron State College in 2013 and Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2015.

Haas, a graduate of Holdrege High School, was raised on a farm in Orleans. She and her husband, Joe, live in Holdrege. Her special interests include spending time on the farm, traveling, hiking, and going to Husker football games. She is also involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and assists with the organization's summer camps.

Professionally, her specialties include family medicine and internal medicine. She will be working primarily with Tom Smith, MD, and William Sandy, MD, at Family Medical Specialties.

FSB Hires Engelbert as Vice President

Jared Engelbert began work in December as a loan officer and vice president of First State



Jared Engelbert

Bank of Holdrege. Engelbert is originally from Norton, Kan., and graduated from Kansas State University in 2010 with a degree in finance.

Before working in Holdrege, he worked as a bank examiner for the FDIC office in

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Engelbert is recently married to his wife, McKenzie, who will teach kindergarten at All Saints Catholic School.

Most of Engelbert's work at FSB of Holdrege involves agricultural loans, but he will also work with customers on commercial and consumer loans.

Loberg Transitions to FSB Investments

Ben Loberg, former branch manager of Home Federal Savings and Loan in Holdrege, has joined the First State Bank of Holdrege Investment Center. He will serve



Ben Loberg

as an investment representative and financial advisor for individuals and businesses and will assist clients with retirement, Social Security and Medicare planning and long term care insurance and life insurance.

Loberg, who has seven years of experience in the financial services industry, is originally from Randolph, Nebraska, and graduated from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, with a degree in business finance and a minor in economics.

He is an active member of the community serving on the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce Board, is a member of the Holdrege Rotary Club, and is chairman of the PCDC Revolving Loan Fund Committee. He also teaches personal finance classes at Central Community College and is an instructor for the EDGE (Enhancing, Developing, and Growing Entrepreneurs) class through PK Partnership.

He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Holdrege, and Rebecca recently joined the sales team at Real Estate Connection. They have three children, Barrett, Palmer and Marshall.

Latter Moves to Home Federal Bank

Scott Latter has been hired as the assistant vice president and branch manager at Home



Scott Latter

Federal Bank in Holdrege. He will be helping customers with a variety of banking needs.

Latter previously worked at the former First National Bank of Holdrege for 19 years, including 12 years as president. He is originally from

Lexington and began his banking career at the Lexington State Bank.

Latter is incoming president of the Phelps County Community Foundation, is a current member and past president of the Holdrege Rotary Club, past president of Optimist Club and past president of PCDC. He recently served as interim CEO at the Don Sjogren Community YMCA. He also announces football, wrestling and track for the Holdrege Public Schools and announces state wrestling and state track for the Nebraska School Activities Association.

He lives in Holdrege with his wife, Tricia, a special education para-educator who previously worked in Loomis and will work for Holdrege Public Schools this fall. They have one son, Joel, who is attending Hastings Community College.

First Tier Hires Lamon as Senior VP

Mark Lamon has been hired as the senior vice president at First Tier Bank in Holdrege.



Mark Lamon

Lamon previously worked at the lowa-Nebraska State Bank in Wilcox.

Lamon will be working primarily with commercial and ag loan customers.

Lamon is originally from eastern Montana and graduated from Dickinson State

University in North Dakota with a degree in business administration. He worked with Menards for nine years before transitioning into banking. He then worked as an ag and commercial lender in Central City and Sioux City before working in Wilcox for the past year and a half. He also earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's graduate school of banking.

He is a member of the Holdrege Rotary Club and the Wilcox Lions Club,

In the past, Lamon has been involved in a city planning and zoning commission, worked as a United Way campaign volunteer, served as a chamber of commerce president, was involved in builders and trade associations and served as president of a non-profit child care center.

He lives in Holdrege with his wife, Shannon, who is an RN at Phelps Memorial Health Center. They have two sons, Scott (11th grade) and Quin (8th grade).



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PCDC Intern: PCDC Welcomes Intern Paige Dexter (pictured at right) to Phelps County this summer. Read about Paige and her role in Phelps County at www.phelpscountyne.com in the News section. Also, did you know Holdrege is ranked the second best place to retire in Nebraska? Find out how one local retiree is enjoying her retirement in Phelps County in the June enewsletter archive. And while you are there, sign up to receive PCDC monthly updates so you can stay up to date on the latest economic development news.

Radio Updates: Another way to stay updated on the latest PCDC news is to tune into KUVR 1380 AM the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 a.m. to hear from PCDC Director Ron Tillery.

