



A Bright Look Ahead

# The Update

Serving Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby Counties

**SWIPCO** · Southwest Iowa Planning Council-Region XIII

February 2015

## WOODBINE RECEIVES MFNC FUNDING

The Woodbine Betterment Association received \$442,667 in funding from the Multi-Family New Construction (MFNC) program to reconstruct 413 & 415 Walker Street in downtown Woodbine.

413 & 415 Walker Street were destroyed in a fire in 2013.

The new construction will make three upper story apartments and commercial business space on the main level. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2015.

The funding is part of the last round of funding from the 2008 Flood Disaster Recovery Program. Woodbine is one of ten

communities across the state of Iowa with populations under 50,000 to receive funding.

For more information please contact Jeremy Middents at 866-279-4720 or [my.middents@swipco.org](mailto:my.middents@swipco.org).

## RPA 13 TAP FUNDING AVAILABLE

Regional Planning Affiliation 13 (RPA-13) is now taking applications for its Regional Transportation Alternatives Program fund for projects in Cass, Fremont, Montgomery, and Page Counties. Eligible activities meet a transportation type need including safe routes to school, scenic byways, trails, historic transportation-related rehabilitation, etc.

Eligible applicants include local governments, regional trans-

portation authorities, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts and local education agencies, tribal governments, and any other local or regional government entity responsible for oversight of transportation or recreational trails.

Completed applications must be in the Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO) office by 2:30 p.m. February 26,

2015. Notice of local approval is scheduled for the end of April 2015. Locally approved projects are submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for state approval.

For more information about the TAP program, or if you would like a hard copy of the application, please contact Courtney Harter at 866-279-4720 or at [courtney.harter@swipco.org](mailto:courtney.harter@swipco.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

SWIPCO 40th Anniversary/Annual Meeting

Thursday September 17, 2015

## BATES TACK AND SADDLE OPENS IN RURAL CLARINDA

Bates Tack and Saddle opened for business in November 2014. The store, located in rural Clarinda, sells horse riding gear and accessories.

Owner Coby Bates and his family moved to Clarinda from Oklahoma in 2014 with the goal of opening their own store and serving fellow horse lovers. Bates wants to provide customers with a variety of saddles and riding accessories for

horse and pony owners at a competitive price point with a focus on personalized customer service.

SWIPCO provided gap financing through the Business Revolving Loan Fund to make this project possible. Partnering with IowaMicroLoan, funds were used to purchase inventory, furniture, and fixtures. SWIPCO's loan will assist in the creation of three full time and two part-time jobs in the first five years.

To date, SWIPCO has loaned \$833,950 in RLF funds to southwest Iowa businesses and leveraged over \$2 million in private investment. This program is designed to assist new and existing business with start-ups or expansion. The goal of this program is to create jobs in Southwest Iowa and further business development. For further information, please contact Courtney Harter (Courtney.harter@swipco.org) at 866-279-4720.

## SWIHTF AND CBHTF RECEIVE FUNDING

Southwest Iowa Housing Trust Fund (SWIHTF) received \$350,669 through the Local Housing Trust Fund program managed by the Iowa Finance Authority. SWIHTF matches this award with \$87,668 in local funding.

The award is used to fund the owner-occupied rehabilitation, homeownership assistance, lead based paint stabilization, purchase/rehabilitation/resell, and demolition programs. Each of these programs are available region wide.

SWIPCO has established an agreement with the Council Bluffs

Housing Trust Fund (CBHTF) to manage their local housing trust fund programs. The CBGHTF received \$180,234 from Local Housing Trust Fund and is matching with \$45,059 in local funds.

CBHTF then awards their funding to local agencies for projects that include rental rehabilitation, rental new construction, homeownership assistance, and homeowner/tenant education. The application period for agencies to apply to CBHTF for this funding begins in February, and the deadline is March 31.

For more information on the Southwest Iowa or Council Bluffs Housing Trust Funds, or on Local Housing Trust Fund Program through IFA, please contact Jeremy Middents, 866-279-4720 or [Jeremy.middents@swipco.org](mailto:Jeremy.middents@swipco.org).



## SWIPCO/SWITA RAISE PARTICIPATE IN ADOPT A FAMILY



Southwest Iowa Planning Council and Southwest Iowa Transit Agency participated in the local Adopt A Family program.

Employees donated \$400 towards the program and provided gifts for six children in two different families. Shown are Transit Assistant Teresa Wright and Executive Assistant Tammy DeBord with the gifts purchased.

If you have an outreach idea for your community, please contact Daurine Petersen at 866-279-4720 or [daurine.petersen@swipco.org](mailto:daurine.petersen@swipco.org).

## LEGISLATIVE COFFEE DATES

- ⇒ The Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce is holding legislative coffees with Senator Gronstal (District 8), Representative Forristall (District 22), and Representative Hanusa (District 16). The coffees are 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Wilson Middle School Auditorium in Council Bluffs. Dates are Sat. Feb. 14, Sat. Feb. 28, Sat. March 14, Sat. March 28, and Sat. April 11.
- ⇒ Representative Forristall (District 22) also has the following coffees at these locations:
  - ⇒ Avoca City Hall/Fire Station, Sat. Feb. 7, 1-4 p.m.
  - ⇒ Oakland Senior Center, Sat. Feb. 14, 8:30-10 a.m.
  - ⇒ Underwood City Hall, Sat. Feb. 21st, 9 a.m.
  - ⇒ Carson Community Center, Sat. March 14, 9 a.m.
- ⇒ Senator Mark Costello (District 12) and Representative Cecil Dolecheck (District 24) have the following joint coffees planned:
  - ⇒ Montgomery County YMCA, Red Oak, Sat. Feb. 14., 8 a.m. & Sat. April 4, 8 a.m.
  - ⇒ Bedford Farm Bureau, Fri. Feb. 27, 7 a.m. & Fri. March 27, 7 a.m.
  - ⇒ Shenandoah City Hall, Sat. Feb. 28, 8 a.m. & Sat. March 28, 8 a.m.
  - ⇒ Glenn Miller Museum, Clarinda, Sat. Feb. 28, 10 a.m. & Sat. March 28, 8 a.m.
  - ⇒ ISU Extension Office, Mt. Ayr, Sat. Feb. 28, 1 p.m. & Sat. March 28, 1 p.m.
  - ⇒ Red Oak High School, Sat. March 14, 9 a.m.
- ⇒ Senator Costello (District 12) also has the following coffees at these locations:
  - ⇒ Glenwood City Hall, Sat. Feb. 14, 10 a.m.
  - ⇒ ISU Extension Office, Malvern, Sat. March 14, 11 a.m.
- ⇒ Representative Matt Windschitl (District 17) has legislative coffees scheduled at these locations:
  - ⇒ Onawa Library Feb. 28 and March 28 at 10 a.m.
  - ⇒ Logan Community Center Feb. 7, March 7, and April 4 at 10 a.m.
- ⇒ Representative Steven Holt (District 18) has legislative coffees scheduled at these locations:
  - ⇒ Crawford County Chamber & Development Council at Cronks in Denison Feb. 14 and March 14 at 10 a.m.
  - ⇒ Jeronimo's Restaurant, Harlan, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.
  - ⇒ City of Harlan Library, March 21 at 10 a.m.
- ⇒ Representative Jack Drake (District 21) has legislative coffees scheduled at these locations:
  - ⇒ Corning Public Library, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m.
  - ⇒ Griswold Cass County Museum, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m.
  - ⇒ Creston & Corning, March 7 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
  - ⇒ Cumberland Fire Station, March 14 at 10 a.m.
  - ⇒ Creston & Corning, April 4 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Coffees scheduled for Representatives from House Districts 15, 20, and 23 and for Senators from districts 9, 10, and 11 are unknown at the time of publishing. To find out which district you live in, please visit [www.legis.iowa.gov/resources/mappingResources](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/resources/mappingResources).

### GOOD LUCK JASON

Community Development Specialist Jason Ehrig Page spent his last day with SWIPCO January 30. Jason, and his wife, Kate, moved to Omaha to pursue another career opportunity. We wish them the best of luck in the future.

Community Development Team Leader Courtney Harter is available to answer any questions over projects Jason was working on.

### NEED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

SWIPCO seeks a fulltime community development specialist. This position is a professional position dealing with economic development, grant writing/administration, and community & regional planning. A bachelor's degree in planning or related field required, masters preferred. Experience with GIS, hazard mitigation, and/or comprehensive planning should be highlighted. Frequent travel within the area, and occasional travel outside the area, required. Veterans encouraged to apply. Excellent benefits package, salary DOQ. Residency in the area required within six months of employment. To apply, send your resume, cover letter, and three references to SWIPCO, 1501 SW 7th St., Atlantic, IA, 50022 or [swipco@swipco.org](mailto:swipco@swipco.org). Resumes due by February 25, 2015. SWIPCO is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

### STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- Barb Barrick, March 7

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon. Feb. 16 SWIPCO Closed
- Tues. Feb. 17 SWIHTF Board Meeting 10 a.m. in Atlantic
- Thurs. Feb. 26 SWIPCO Policy Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m. in Atlantic
- Thurs. March 26 SWIPCO Policy Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m. in Atlantic
- Fri. April 3 SWIPCO Closed

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Daurine Petersen, Outreach Specialist, February 22, 4 years
- Crystal Cappel, Finance Director, February 25, 7 years

### ISAC TRAINING DATES

- ISAC Spring School of Instruction March 12/13, Des Moines, Iowa

### IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES

- Iowa League of Cities 2015 Legislative Day and Economic Development Workshop February 24
- Iowa League of Cities 2015 Annual Conference September 23-25

### SWIPCO Policy Council

#### Cass County

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#### Fremont County

Brian Kingsolver

Cara Morgan

#### Harrison County

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