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Petersburg area residents reminded of community foundation's value

With a good track record of community fund-raising already in place, Petersburg has good prospects for a successful local community foundation, said Doug Friedli, director of community fund development for eastern Nebraska with the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Friedli spoke after a free barbeque at the Legion Hall Tuesday night, March 30. The event was sponsored by the Petersburg Area Foundation and Petersburg State Bank.

He noted that the Petersburg Foundation has already received one expectancy in the form of a \$15,000 life insurance benefit.

Foundations like the one for Petersburg provide an opportunity for residents to give back to their community. They help ensure the community's future by building endowments and allowing gifts for specific community projects and improvements, Friedli said.

He discussed the intergenerational transfer of wealth, which is a very important consideration for Nebraska communities at present.

In the next 10 years, a transfer of more than \$9.2 million, from one generation to the next, can be expected in the Petersburg area. If just five percent of that amount was given to the community, it would generate more than \$463,000 for the community foundation.

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NPPD tells preferred power line route, open house meetings set next week

Although not finalized as yet, a preferred route has been proposed by Nebraska Public Power District for its electric transmission line that will extend from Petersburg to Ericson.

Since last fall, the utility has narrowed its project corridor and selected both preferred and alternative routes for the new 115kV transmission line.

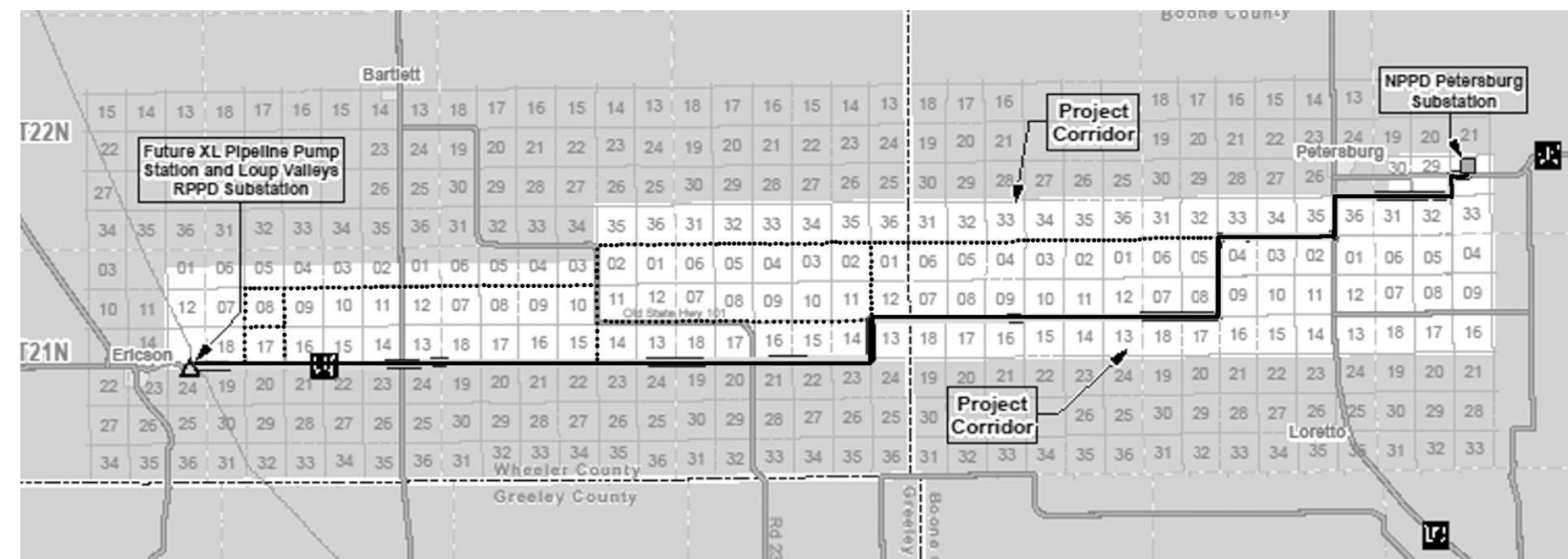
The next step in this process is a third round of open house meetings for landowners and the public scheduled next week in Ericson and Petersburg.

The open houses are planned Tuesday, April 13, at Ericson, and Thursday, April 15, at the American Legion Club in Petersburg.

Both open house events will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public will be asked to share information about their property to help the utility identify the most suitable route in which to site a future 115,000-volt transmission line.

The future power line is needed to provide power to a new Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District substation, which will serve one of five new electrical pumping stations TransCanada is building in central Nebraska as part of its Keystone XL pipeline project.

Since the area's first open house meetings in August, NPPD has been reviewing comments from property owners and other key stakeholders and using its routing criteria to narrow the study area into a corridor.

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POWER LINE ROUTE -- Above map shows both the preferred route (solid line) and possible alternate routes (dotted lines) for the 115kV transmission line from Petersburg to Ericson.

Local News...

Easter Sunday guests in the Bruce and Cheri Werner home were Heather and Dale Tucker and Melissa Werner of Brookings, SD, Angie Fudge, Tyler, Dylan, Jack and Mary Grace of Perham, MN, James Werner of Wayne, Henry Leifeld and Steve Werner. Jean Hoffman and Dan of Clearwater were afternoon visitors.

On Saturday afternoon, Joe and Kate Knust, Steve and Melissa Wiese and family were among those attending a reception honoring Jordan and Kaitlin Ridder hosted by Les and Janice Ridder at Elgin. Jordan will soon be deployed to Afghanistan.

Easter dinner guests of Lawrence and Reola Pelster were Carl and Mary Church family of Clarks, Gary and Karla Pelster and family of Columbus. Joining them for supper were Larry and Cathy Pelster and girls.

Easter dinner guests of Ron and Bonnie Wiese were Adam and Jeri Wiese, Karlie, Kaci and Kenzie. Afternoon visitors were Bonnie's mother and sister Lena Braun and Beverly Braun of Norfolk.

Mark and Amber Sudeta and family of Omaha were holiday weekend guests of Pat and Lynnette Seier. Joining them for Easter dinner were Marlene Wiegand, Adam Seier and Kelly Reigle.

Easter guests of Larry and Shirley Henn were Helen Henn of Albion, Marty and Stacy Henn and Max, Blake and Chloe of Elgin, Holly and Rick Myers, Lane and Cooper of North Loup.

Joe and Mary Henn and Bob and Lori Henn visited Sunday evening with Dave and Nancy Albracht and Jordan Albright. Other guests were Jim and Kathy Korth, Renee Albracht, Daniel and Christy Albracht and Eli.

Last week, Bernadine Spieker was a guest of Troy and Colleen Hansen and family at Deshler. She attended the Confirmation of her granddaughter Jensen Hansen.

John and Cindy Temme, Joyce Temme, Jonathan Temme of Lincoln, and Jayne Prince of Meadow Grove were among the Easter day guests in the Ken and Joan Stuhr home to wish Reese a happy second birthday. Dinner guests Easter Sunday of

Wally and Karen Scholl were Jeff and Suzie Scholl, Ryan and Brendan of Norfolk, Brian and Chris Scholl of Hoskins, Rob and Nicole Scholl, Tyler and Nathan of Waverly, Jim and Anne Dierks, Ashley and Trent. Other visitors were Harry and Bernice Cunningham.

Steve and Melissa Wiese and family of Lindsay hosted a family dinner Easter Sunday. Among the guests were Joe and Kate Knust of Petersburg, Mike and Christy Knust, Charlie, Josie and Bonnie of McClellan, IA, Marty and Missy Knust of Omaha. They also celebrated Tim's 21st birthday and Charlie's 10th birthday.

Wednesday morning a cooperative dinner was held in the Virginia Foss home as a farewell to Tom and Christy Foss. Among those attending were Kathy Buelt of Elgin, Bev Seier of Newman Grove, Jean Molt of Albion and Ev Petsche. Evening visitors with Virginia and her houseguests Tom and Christy Foss were Dale and Kathy Buelt of Elgin, Bruce and Cheri Werner. On Thursday morning, Tom and Christy returned to their home in Vinton, VA after spending the holiday with Virginia.

Guests Easter morning in the Dave and Cookie Benda home were Doug and Angie Koch and family, Todd and Michelle Benda and family, Rod and Anita Borer and girls, Lance and Tammy Benda and family, Scott and Val Thieman and family.

Easter dinner guests of Charles and Darlene Stuhr were Jerry and Sue Stuhr, Chase, Colton and Broc of Grand Island, Joe and Cheryl Henry, Led, Vann and Dean of Norfolk, Vaughn and Teresa Beed of West Point, Mardell Koehler of Osmond, Ronda Wiese, Courtney, Daniel and Chelsea of Osmond, Rick Koehler and Michael of Randolph.

Easter Egg Hunt held last Saturday

Approximately 70 area children participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt held at the Petersburg Park on Saturday, April 3, 2010. A few lucky hunters returned numbered eggs for prizes.

NPPD meeting....

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Both preferred and alternative routes will be shared by NPPD at these open house meetings. Information collected during this phase of the project is useful in NPPD's effort to determine a final line route.

"We need the help of those living in and around this project area so that we find the most suitable route for the transmission line that will support this pipeline," said NPPD Project Manager Jack Steiner. "Gathering comments and input from the public through open houses is a vital component in this process."

Steiner spoke about the project at an information meeting in Petersburg last Wednesday, March 31.

NPPD will be using input from all open houses and more than 36 routing criteria to determine the proposed final route. This information will be

Fire department called to two fires

Petersburg Fire Department was called to the bin site of the Central Valley Elevator on April 1, 2010 at 11 a.m. A small smoldering fire was located in the boot pit of the elevator where a small oil heater was placed to keep the dust down. Because the dust could cause an explosion and when it's cool, the heater will heat the oil. The smoke was ventilated and the department returned to the fire hall at 12:15 p.m.

Later the department was called to the scene of a cornstalk/CRP grass fire on property owned by Jeff and Jan Temme eight miles east, two north and 3/4 east of Petersburg. All units responded. Help was also received from the Tilden Fire Department. Several local farmers helped by discing the ground.

Approximately 360 acres of land was burned, as well as tires on the irrigation pivot. The department returned to the fire hall at 7 p.m.

shared at a required public hearing, which is anticipated in July 2010.

Landowners that end up with property along the proposed route will receive a certified letter inviting them to the public hearing. Following the hearing, the public will have 30 days to comment prior to a line route being finalized.

NPPD's current project map shows a narrowed project corridor, as well as a preferred route and possible route alternatives.

The preliminary preferred route starts at NPPD's Petersburg substation, runs south about a half mile, then west to Highway 14. The route follows Highway 14 south for one mile, then west three miles, south two miles, west nine miles into Wheeler County, then south one mile and west for about 17 1/2 miles to the pipeline pumping station just east of Ericson.

Construction of the transmission line is scheduled to begin in mid-2011, with an in-service date of mid-2012. NPPD and TransCanada will share the estimated \$49 million cost of the transmission line project that also includes substation work. In this case, NPPD provides the transmission service to Loup Valleys RPPD which, in turn, serves the TransCanada pumping station directly. This project will increase electricity sales for the local public power utility benefitting all electric consumers in the local utility service area.

Landowners who are unable to attend the public meeting are encouraged to contact an NPPD representative by phone, email, the Internet website, or through regular mail. For contact information and other details, visit the project website at: http://www.nppd.com/grid_essential/.

Foundation...

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Boone County is one of 24 counties now in the "peak transfer" period which runs from 2000 to 2014.

Friedli encouraged the community to build an endowment fund. With an endowment in place, the Petersburg Community Foundation could make grants for specific purposes, such as attracting youth and young families, attracting businesses and improving its business base, investing in scholarships for local residents and developing future leadership.

The NCF representative noted that the Petersburg Foundation has been formed within the Boone County Foundation, but all gifts designated for Petersburg remain with the local foundation. He gave an overview of the statewide foundation, which includes 201 affiliated funds in Nebraska and 92 community funds that are building permanent endowments. Some of the small town success stories include Diller, Hebron and Shickley, where substantial and permanent funds have already been established.

As an example, Friedli shared one scenario in which a community raised \$500,000 for its endowed fund. At an annual return of five percent over 20 years, the endowed fund could grow to more than \$900,000 while also distributing more than \$670,000 toward community needs and projects.

The gifts can include cash, insurance proceeds, real estate, farm commodities and other assets.

Friedli encouraged Petersburg area residents to keep the local foundation in mind and contact the committee members for more information.

Members of the Petersburg Area Foundation Committee are Radene Temme, chairman; Pat Thieman, co-chairman; Cheri Werner, secretary; Ashley Thieman, treasurer; Julie Baumgartner and Adam Wiese.



PETERSBURG AREA FOUNDATION Board members helping at the informational meeting last Tuesday were (back, l. to r.) Adam Wiese, Doug Friedli, Nebraska Community Foundation director of community fund development for eastern Nebraska, Julie Baumgartner, and Pat Thieman; (front) Ashley Thieman, Cheri Werner and Radene Temme.



ChoiceGas selections to begin April 16

Nebraska's 2010 Choice Gas selection period begins on Friday, April 16, and ends on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

During this two-week period, natural gas customers can choose the gas provider and pricing options that best suits their needs.

A natural gas supplier and pricing option can be chosen by telephone, Internet, through the customer's current supplier or by mail.

No matter which supplier is selected, SourceGas will maintain the local natural gas system, read meters, send bills and answer customer inquiries.

The selection period runs during the last two weeks of April every year. The accounts of customers who do not choose a ChoiceGas supplier will "roll over" to the current supplier and pricing option, and their final rate will be determined about 15 days after the selection period ends.

The final rollover price may be different from the prices quoted during the selection period.

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