

Development

FROM PAGE 7A

plans to add more grocery items and even a hot deli. The apartments on the same site are going to be a big help as they offer the business new, nearby customers and potential employees, said Colsch.

"We are trying to keep the front-end smaller so it still has the neighborhood market feel," Colsch said. "But we need a lot more behind-the-scenes space."

Prairie du Chien Mayor Dave Hemmer is proud of the number of businesses moving into the city, with at least eight receiving Main Street Bounceback grants from the WEDC. These grants provide \$10,000 to businesses and nonprofits that move into a previously vacant commercial space.

"They're starting to bring a little bit of life back downtown," Hemmer said. "Right now, we have just about all our storefronts either filled or talking about something going on."

The business bounceback in Prairie du Chien also presents challenges.

"There really isn't very much housing available," said Carol Roth. "That is one of the biggest challenges for anyone trying to start or grow their businesses."

Quality, affordable workforce housing is one of the biggest issues businesses bring up to Driftless Development, said Roth.

"We have hospitals, we have school districts, large businesses, small businesses, and the service industry all needing employees," Roth said. "It is difficult to grow if there is no place for the workforce to live."

"There are jobs in Prairie du Chien," Hemmer said. "No doubt about that. Now we're going to have places for people

to live."

A developer is interested in the former Blackhawk Junction property. The Prairie du Chien Common Council has moved forward in providing for the sale of \$1.4 million in notes to temporarily meet expected financing needs, anticipating that future cash flow will repay those notes.

Multi-family housing is intended for phase one at the city-owned site, now TID (Tax Increment District) 8, or the East Gateway Redevelopment District. Phase one is projected to cost \$1.27 million, including infrastructure, site development and redevelopment and developer incentive amounts.

A project plan for the site was approved by the council and Joint Review Board in March of 2021. The project plan assumes \$4 million in new construction in 2022, and another \$1 million in new construction within a couple of years afterward.

TID revenues of 25 percent would be obliged to the developer. Through 2048, overall TID revenue is projected to be \$3,281,640. TID financing allows cities to capture incremental property tax revenue from growth in a defined area and use that revenue to benefit that area.



Governor Evers, WEDC Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes, and several Prairie du Chien citizens gathered in the parking lot near Mississippi Meats Wednesday afternoon. Those gathered include, from left, Jeff Greutzmacher (Senior VP Royal Bank), Chris Herbst (Mississippi Meats), Karl Kossman (Opportunity Center Assistant Executive Director), Tami Katzung (Main Street Program Manager), Nate Gilberts (Prairie du Chien Common Council), Carol Roth (Driftless Development Director), Nate Bremmer (PDC Common Council), Chad Abrams (City Administrator), Carl Orr (Crawford County Board of Supervisors), Prairie du Chien Mayor Dave Hemmer, Governor Tony Evers, Dale Klemme (Community Development Alternatives), Jenny Coleman (Re/Max), WEDC Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes, Becky Hackett (Exit Realty/Driftless Development Board of Directors), Jim Hackett (Crawford County Emergency Management), Stacey Hannah (Cafe Hope/Main Street Board of Directors), and Don Stirling (Crawford County Board of Supervisors). (Photo by Ted Pennekamp)

**21 Years**  
 Thank you for your Patronage!  
  
**Arrow Trucking**  
 OF WISCONSIN, LLC  
 10915 County Rd K  
 Lancaster, WI  
**608-723-7197**

**GET THE SMILE YOU WANT... and the health you need!**

We perform:  
 Same Day Crowns | Complete Dental Implants  
 Orthodontics | Cosmetics | & More

No waiting for new patient exams.

Immediate scheduling for current patients with needed dental work.

**Don't Delay, CALL TODAY!**

Dr. Glass | Dr. Wickwire | Dr. Hoffman | Dr. Larson

**Fennimore smiles** of LDA  
 1515 Lafollette St.  
 Fennimore | 608.822.4500  
 FENNIMORESILES.COM

**LANCASTER DENTAL ASSOCIATES**  
 237 W Hickory St.  
 Lancaster | 608.723.2141  
 LANCDENT.COM

**St. Clement School**  
 CELEBRATES  
**Catholic SCHOOLS WEEK**  
 #CSW22

**JAN 30 SUNDAY**  
 Catholic Schools Week Mass.....9:30 AM  
 Book Fair Grand Opening in the Library .11:00 AM  
 4K Round-Up .....11:30 - 12:30 PM

**JAN 31 MONDAY**  
**WORLD TRAVELER/TOURIST DRESS UP DAY**  
 All-School Rosary in Church.....8:15 AM  
 CSW Service Project for the Sisters.....9:00 AM  
 Around the World Classroom Activities .... 12:45 PM

**FEB 1 TUESDAY**  
**MISMATCH DRESS UP DAY**  
 Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving  
 "Pint Size Hero" Presentations.....9:00 AM  
 School Talent Show.....1:30 PM

**FEB 2 WEDNESDAY**  
**ST. CLEMENT DRESS UP DAY**  
 All School Mass .....8:15 AM  
 Book Fair "Grand" Event .....9:15 AM  
 Spelling Bee .....10:15 AM & 1:00 PM  
 Staff Appreciation Lunch.....11:30 AM  
 World Read-Aloud Day  
 at the Public Library.....10:30 AM & 1:00 PM

**FEB 3 THURSDAY**  
**CLASS COLOR DRESS UP DAY**  
 Jazz Band & Song Spinners .....9:00 AM  
 Olympic Activities in Gym.... 10:30, 12:30 & 2 PM  
 Grade 3 to Dubuque  
 Symphony Orchestra ..... 1:00 PM  
 4K - Purple, K - Black, 1st - Orange, 2nd - White,  
 3rd - Green, 4th - Red, 5th - Blue, 6th - Yellow

**FEB 4 FRIDAY**  
**SPORT DRESS UP DAY**  
 First Friday Adoration  
 Swimming & Laser Tag .....ALL DAY  
 Book Fair Last Chance ..... 3:00 PM

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY...**

- Jaelyn Bevan, State Farm Insurance
- Martin Schwartz Funeral Homes & Crematory
- Les Mack Chevrolet, Buick, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram & Ford
- Lancaster Dental Associates
- Farmer's Family Dental, S.C.
- Grant Regional Health Center
- Sandi Wood, The Hair Shack
- Family Medical Center
- Zippy's Brass Rail
- Lancaster Auto Body, LLC
- Hermsen's ACE Hardware & Home Center
- Bryhan's Auto Body & Paint, LLC
- Kirsch's Tax & Accounting Services, LLC
- Doolittle's Pub & Eatery
- Kuenster Aluminum
- Grant County Herald Independent

**Catholic Schools**  
 Faith. Excellence. Service.

**JANUARY 30 THRU FEBRUARY 5, 2022**