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It was a privilege to be part of "Hero Flight" to Washington:

To the Tri-City Tribune editor:

Last week my son Jon and I had the privilege of being part of the Dawson/Gosper County Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. This was one of the most memorable trips of my life. Everywhere we went, we were treated as heros. In the Washington airport, we were greeted with a standing ovation and cheers by people we had never seen before. On our tours throughout the city, strangers would walk up to us and shake our hand, thanking us for our contribution during World War II. Though none of us view ourselves as heros, we all felt renewed pride in doing our part for our country.

I am grateful for this opportunity and would like to thank the members of the DAD Leadership Class and the citizens and officials of all the towns in Dawson and Gosper Counties. Without your support, we would never have had this experience. I know that this event took lots of time and hard work, but those of us who were involved on the trip are eternally in your debt. Sincerely, Warren (Red) Kloopping



Left: Warren "Red" Kloopping and escort Jon Kloopping at the Hero Flight Send Off.

FEATURE: HUD Awards \$287,724 for Affordable Housing and Economic Development to Dawson Area Development

Department of Housing and Urban Development – Steven Preston, Secretary
Region VII – Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska – Eugene Lipscomb, Acting Regional Director

OMAHA – U.S. Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$16.9 million to 60 rural housing programs across the country to stimulate economic development, create jobs, and produce more affordable housing. Included in the funding announced today, HUD awarded a grant to Dawson County Area Economic Development Council in Cozad totaling \$287,724.00. The funding is provided through HUD's Rural Housing and Economic Development Program. "HUD is deeply invested in promoting affordable housing and community development throughout rural America," said Preston. "These grants will stimulate the kind of employment, economic growth, and housing development that will have a direct impact on working families in our rural communities."



From left: Clifton Jones (HUD Omaha Field Office Director), Diane Adams (Lexington Housing Authority), Mike Bacon (DAD Board), Pat Hosick (Cozad Housing Authority), Jeanne Janssen (Gothenburg Housing Authority), Dean Kugler (DAD Board), Joe Pepplichtsch (DAD Board), Bruce Clymer (DAD Board), Joyce Hudson (Mayor of Gothenburg), Jen Wolf (DAD), Dave Stenberg (DAD Board), Jennifer Rogers (Representing Senator Ben Nelson), Reginald Robinson (HUD Omaha Field Office), John Fagot (DAD Board - Mayor of Lexington), Deb Jensen (DAD).

Dawson County Area Economic Development Council will use the grant to provide infrastructure development, construction of 27 new housing units, and home ownership education for the residents in the rural counties of Dawson, Gosper, Frontier, and Buffalo. Partners for this project are Dawson Area Development, Advocating for Business Labor Education (ABLE), and Dana Point Development Corporation. The proposed leveraging for this project is \$5,899,342.

Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) grants help pay for land acquisition, new home construction, housing demolition, infrastructure improvements and construction training. Other possible uses include home ownership and financial counseling; financial assistance to homeowners, businesses and developers; creating micro enterprises and small business incubators; and establishing lines of credit or revolving loan pools to benefit the local business community. In addition to the funding announced today, rural communities are expected to generate nearly \$59 million from other public and private sources to promote economic development and employment.

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Dawson/Gosper Hero Flight Send Off Heroes Ready for D.C.

by David Penner - Lexington Clipper Herald
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LEXINGTON – There was not a dry eye in the house as loved ones from across Dawson and Gosper counties saw their ‘Heroes’ board a bus to Denver, Thursday night. World War II veterans were given a hero’s send-off at the Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles for the Dawson and Gosper County Hero Flight.

The veterans, 26 in all, and their escorts drove to Denver then took a plane to Washington, D.C., where they will view the National WWII Monument and tour the nation’s capital. All of the veterans were excited to be going on the trip. Robert Salisbury gave an emphatic answer when asked if he was ready. “Of course!” he said.

Dick Pierce, who helped the Dawson Area Development Leadership class start the project, and also was the organizer for the Buffalo County Hero Flight, told the veterans that his hat was off to them. “We owe an awful lot to you,” he said. “You are the reason we’re doing what we do.”

Pierce announced the names of the men who will present the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They were: Dean Weissert, Vernon Block, Merle Glassmeyer and Robert McTygue. “Presidents, heads of state and prime ministers have all had the same honor,” Pierce explained, “and it means nothing unless you are the ones doing it.”

State Sen. John Wightman had trouble holding back his tears while thanking the veterans. “Thank you,” he said. “All of us are benefitting from what you did for us. Who knows where this world would be if it was not for what you did for us?” Wightman paused to gather his thoughts, then continued. “On behalf of all of us here, we offer you our thanks,” he said. “Thank you belatedly.”

As tears started to rolled down the faces of friends and family, the crowd stood and gave a standing ovation to the brave men who put their lives on the line so many years ago.

Our heroes were sent off in style.



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- EXTERIOR: color-loc siding
- HEATING: electric heat pump
- LOT SIZE: 84 x 152
- AIR CONDITIONING: central
- BEDROOM #1: 11' x 10'11"
- BEDROOM #2: 12'1" x 10'11"
- MASTER #3: 13'11" x 12'7"
- GREAT ROOM: yes
- DINING AREA: yes
- KITCHEN: yes
- UTILITY: 10'5" x 5'8"

**FEATURE CONT: HUD Awards \$287,724 for Affordable Housing and
Economic Development to Dawson Area Development**

Qualified applicants are local rural nonprofit organizations, community development corporations, federally recognized Indian tribes, State housing finance agencies and/or local economic development agencies. RHED grants have provided nearly \$223 million, creating more than 35,000 jobs, assisting nearly 5,500 businesses and producing nearly 14,000 affordable homes. Rural communities will use this funding as seed money to pay the start-up costs for housing or economic development projects. These grants will also help organizations to hire and train their staffs, develop strategic plans and acquire office space and other needed facilities.

Six Sigma Process Improvement Training from CCC

Dear Senior Manager,

In this economy I would guess you are looking for ways to improving customer service, developing new products and services, reducing inventory and downtime, and improving your bottom line?

If so, Six Sigma or Process Improvement Training may be for your organization. World-class companies have long recognized that Six Sigma initiatives are synonymous with profit and improving your bottom line. Six Sigma puts your entire organization under the microscope, striving for perfection in every aspect. To get ahead of the rest, you need to Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve and Control any possible defects in your processes in order to drive significant cost reductions. A continued satisfied customer is the true foundation for profitability, bottom line results, and global competitiveness.

Central Community College (CCC) has scheduled its next Six Sigma Black and Green Belt sessions to begin August 24th, 2009, at the Columbus Campus. Datazinc, CCC's partner and training provider, is available upon request to explain the Black and Green Belt programs and how they have helped other leading companies. If you would like to know more about Datazinc, feel free to check them out at www.datazinc.com or give us a call.

Utilities, hospitals, manufacturers, and colleges have found Datazinc's training program to be educational and cost effective. Enclosed is a brochure that describes the upcoming Six Sigma training programs in more detail.

If possible, please route this information to other managers within your organization. If you or someone within your organization is interested in this program, please respond by August 7th, 2009, to Sue Baer at (402) 562-1425, toll-free at 1-877-222-0780, Ext. 1425, or sbaer@cccneb.edu.

Sincerely,

Doug Pauley
Director of Training and Development



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An extensive searchable database of an array of careers available throughout the area ranging from graphic arts to agricultural careers. Employers add and remove career opportunities on a daily basis. Upload your resume and it is automatically forwarded to businesses that would be interested in your skills.

POST A JOB

Area employers of all sizes utilize the site to post career opportunities in various areas. Dawson area employers are always seeking highly skilled employees to allow their businesses to grow and www.dawsoncountycareers.com allows them to access more than just the local market.

BUY A BUSINESS

Dawson area business owners continually upload existing businesses for sale as many of the owners are approaching retirement. Plentiful business opportunities exist for those who would like to be a small business owner.

FIND HOUSING & DAY CARE

Available housing and day care are of utmost importance when locating to any area. The Dawson County housing market is available through the site along with a contact list of every licensed day care provider in the region.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The Dawson area truly can provide the quality of life enjoyed by those who reside in small mid-west towns with the career opportunities of larger areas. Area schools and recreational offerings are all available on the site along with a cost of living calculator which will illuminate the true financial advantages of living in the Dawson area.

www.dawsoncountycareers.com

The screenshot shows the Dawson Area Development website. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Contact Us', and 'Admin Updates'. The main content area features a 'Dawson Area Development' header with a 'Dawson County Nebraska' sub-header. Below this, there are sections for 'EMPLOYMENT' (Job Opportunities, Business Opportunities, Submit your Resume), 'COMMUNITY' (Participating Communities, Schools & Education, Medical, Daycare Services, Dawson County Housing, Local Media, Demographics, Distance to..., Weather, Cost of Living Calculator), and a 'Dawson County Nebraska' section with text about the county's quality of life and location. There are also sidebars for 'GET A JOB' (Find employers looking to hire in the Dawson County area), 'Employers' (Find qualified job applicants for your open positions by listing them on our site), 'Educators' (Find out how Dawson Area Development can help you educate your students on employment prospects in Dawson County), 'NEWSLETTER' (Read the latest issue or view past issues), and 'ALUMNI UPDATES' (Update your alumni info here!). The bottom of the page lists 'LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS' including 'Dawson County Receives Workforce Development Star Award', 'ABE Student Construction Project to Begin', and 'A year of ABE: Local student describes experience with program'.

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