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## April Events

April 17, 10:00 am  
CVTPA Meeting  
(Chariton Valley Transportation  
Planning Affiliation)  
Manhattan Restaurant

April 21, 10:00 am  
Historic Hills  
Large Group Meeting  
Centerville  
(details coming soon)

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## Morgan E. Cline Family Sports Complex Gets Green Light, \$190,000 Vision Iowa Grant

With a unanimous vote of the Vision Iowa Board of Directors, a long-awaited sports complex in Centerville moved closer to construction on Wednesday, March 12.

Vision Iowa, acting upon a recommendation of the Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) committee, awarded \$190,000 to the Morgan E. Cline Family Sports Complex so that facilities may be started at the Lelah Bradley Active Living Campus by late summer.

CAT funds were a final source of funding needed to launch the first phase of development for the sports complex to be named for the facility's first and largest contributor, Morgan E. Cline. The complex, to be owned and operated by the non-profit Appanoose All Play, Inc. (AAP), has a projected cost of \$1 million and will be situated on a 40-acre compound south of Lakeview Elementary next to Lelah Bradley's reservoir park.

Last month AAP board members, Rollie Reznicek and Tracy Daugherty Miller, told the CAT directors that 80 percent of the funds for the project are collected or pledged to the project. Up for immediate construction are two softball fields, three youth soccer fields, an adult soccer field for high school and tournament play, as well as a centralized concession and coordination building. Similar facilities, such as

the Lacey Sports Complex in Oskaloosa, have been studied as models for the complex.

"The board of directors of Appanoose All Play, Inc. was totally surprised by the sudden announcement by CAT to award the project since it was only introduced last month," noted Tracy Daugherty Miller, AAP Vice-President. "We thought that it would take several more months to secure a CAT grant as the funds are very, very competitive." Daugherty Miller further explained that the CAT committee often reviews applications, scores projects, and then enters into a negotiation phase with the applicant to tighten budgets and slim down the grant dollars awarded. She attributes the quick decision to the early support from leading contributors such as Cline.

"Appanoose All Play will work with the CAT committee immediately to finalize contracts for the grant," said Daugherty Miller. "Additionally, we will sit down with Mr. Cline and principal stakeholders to assure that the facility plans meet their high expectations."

Future additions will include another two softball fields, four volleyball courts, a youth football field, three basketball courts, and trail links with the Lelah Bradley reservoir park. Both youth and adult league sports may be hosted at the complex.

## Rural Development Left Behind in New Farm Bill Framework

A recent article written by Matthew D. Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations explains that the latest budget framework for the 2008 Farm Bill, released on March 25 provides no new resources for community and economic development in rural America.

We encourage you to visit our website at [www.charitonvalleyplanning.com](http://www.charitonvalleyplanning.com) and go to the Press Releases page to read this article in its entirety to find out how you can help by contacting administration officials and congressional leaders to correct this strategic blunder.

## Small City Workshop to be sponsored by CVPD

CVPD is sponsoring a Small City Workshop in Eddyville, on July 10, at the Business Community Center from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. For more details, contact CVPD at (641) 437-4359

*Conducting Effective Meetings*- This workshop will provide guidance for meeting procedures that will create a more positive environment, and principles that will help conduct meetings effectively and smoothly.

*Budgeting*- The workshop will walk through the basic concepts of the budget and the legal limits that cities face. It will simplify both the expenditure and revenue sides of budgeting and focus on property taxes and their role in city budget preparation. After this session, you will see budgeting as a plan for your city's future, instead of a chore.

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*Pictured from left to right: Ron Yarkosky from Albia, Brenda DeVore from Promise City, Roger Selix from Unionville, Lacey Johnson, Chariton Valley Planning & Development, Nels Christiansen from Chariton, Dave Beary from Lovilia, Bill McAfee from Centerville, Royce Joiner, Clive Wells, Wendell DeVore, and Richard Gorden, all from Plano.*

Two orientation meetings were held recently for city officials served by the Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council of Governments (COG). Community representatives from many cities were on hand March 20 at the ADLM building in Moravia, while others attended a meeting on March 27 at the Pin Oak Lodge in Chariton.

Some basics were covered: the concept of COG were described, the area served outlined, and its

## COG Orientation Meetings Held

purpose explained. It was explained that this new COG was created to form two more manageable districts from the original Area 15 region.

The motto of the Chariton Valley Planning & Development COG is "Meeting and Managing Change in Southern Iowa", to reflect the current era of change and development in the four county region with the addition of the Honey Creek Resort Park ushering in a new visitor based economy.

The services and activities of Chariton Valley Planning & Development were outlined. They offer assistance in the research of grant sources and funding opportunities as well as supporting grant development efforts by supplying data and writing assistance. They also develop and maintain county-wide transportation plans, and coordinate these plans with state and federal plans to maintain funding eligibility. Administration of the Surface Transportation Program, which provides transportation funding directly to our communities, is also among their duties.

Some of the projects that Chariton Valley Planning & Development are responsible for are:

- Administration of EDSA grant for new industry in Lucas County
- Oversight of EDA grant for APNC Railroad
- Coordination of FEMA grants for Mystic housing buyout program
- Multi-county tourism including marketing, infrastructure, and business development
- Regional entrepreneurial business startup
- Multi-modal transportation planning
- Hazard Mitigation Planning

All local governments are members of the COG, with no dues to pay, and no charge for the grant writing services or consultations. There are expanded services available for cost. This fact begs the question – How is Chariton Valley funded? The COG writes and receives grants for itself and accepts contributions from the private and public sector. To ask Chariton Valley Planning & Development for help with your project, call the office at (641) 437-4359.

## Moulton Awarded \$176,000 Federal Grant for Sewer System Improvements

On March 6th, the Iowa Department of Economic Development was the bearer of good news for the City of Moulton. The state agency announced at a gathering held at Riverside Casino that Moulton was one of several Iowa communities designated to receive federal aid for sewer or water system upgrades.

Moulton, needing to replace a portion of its sewer collection system, had requested in November 2007 federal funding from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The announcement made today on behalf of HUD by the Iowa Department of Economic Development means that \$176,000 in CDBG funding will be available to Moulton to begin improvements as early as Fall 2008.

"The federal funding will allow Moulton to replace five blocks of sewer collection lines located in the vicinity of Second Street, between Highway 202 and Cox Street on the eastern edge of town," explains Tracy Daugherty Miller, Executive Director of the Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council of Governments which facilitated the grant request. "This section of the system has many leaky joints, several sections of

cracked pipe, and about five locations where the sewer is severely cracked or collapsed."

According to French-Reneker Associates' Kent Rice, the engineer who prepared preliminary reports and coordinated testing of Moulton's system, the project will entail digging up the sewer lines to replace the failing pipes. Since the project involves significant excavation that will further damage Second Street, restoration and repair of Second Street will occur immediately following the sewer line replacements.

"Second Street is presently in very bad shape," commented Daugherty Miller. "Residents will find that once the sewer project is finished that Second Street's condition will be greatly improved. That should make the temporary inconvenience of the construction easier to bear for homeowners in the project area."

Daugherty Miller further explained that the CDBG funding program assigns priority to communities like Moulton that have prioritized infrastructure improvements and worked over a period of years to systematically make upgrades. Applications for CDBG are solicited annually by the Iowa Department of

Economic Development, usually during the fall. The grants are awarded based on the need and potential impact for the project, benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, and commitment of local resources to the project.

Parties interested in more information about CDBG funding opportunities or the Moulton project may contact Daugherty Miller at Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council of Governments at 437-4359.



*Left to right: Hank Manning with Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED), Gary Harris - Mayor of Moulton, Nichole L. Moore - Chariton Valley Rural Economic Development (RED), and Mike Tramontina with IDED*

## Mission Statement

Designated as an Iowa Council of Governments under Iowa Code 28H by the Iowa Legislature effective July 1, 2007, Chariton Valley Planning and Development will conduct business for the purpose of enhancing economic prosperity and planned growth in order to improve quality of life in Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne counties in the State of Iowa. Primary activities will serve to stimulate and support: job creation; business investment; attraction and retention of a skilled workforce; quality of life, recreation, and cultural enhancements; provide for infrastructure installation and maintenance.