

Progress Continues

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New Medical Technology Company

Preventice Solutions (www.preventicesolutions.com) is a remote heart monitoring company with corporate headquarters in Minnesota, and monitoring centers in Texas, Minnesota and California.

The company plans to locate in the Regional Technology Center and employ 25 people to start. Interested applicants can send resumes to Melanie Arnett at marnett@preventice.com or call 1-888-747-1442 for more information.

Recruiting and Retention

The Development Corporation established a Recruiting and Retention Coordinator position in 2017. The coordinator assists employers with recruiting and workforce retention; and job seekers with job searches and resume building. We can utilize our growing network of contacts, major job boards, Job Service and other resources to assist employers and employees. The Community Mixer last February and Workforce Opportunity Showcase in November are two examples of the Development Corporation's efforts to assist with retention and recruiting. If you know of any job seekers, have job openings or retention ideas, contact Trinity at 701-845-1891 or vdgoffice@hellovalley.com.

Valley City Area Young Leaders—Young Professionals Network

A group of young professionals calling themselves the Valley City Area Young Leaders has been working to establish a Young Professionals Network in Valley City. Throughout the past several months, they have partaken in numerous social and service activities.



From playing Bingo and taking a trip to Acres of Terror to delivering Meals on Wheels and helping Dan Faust pick squash, tomatoes and zucchini for the Great Plains Food Bank, this group has been busy working to fulfill their mission of providing young leaders in the Valley City area with opportunities for professional development, community involvement and social engagement. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the Young Leaders group, please contact:

Trinity at 701-845-1891 or vdgoffice@hellovalley.com

Chelsea at 763-291-4732 or chelsea@fremstadlaw.com

Visit: facebook.com/VCAYL.ypn for more information

HIRED Job Fair

Tuesday, January 23rd from 1-4pm at the Ramada in Fargo.

Registration is open until January 19th on radiofmmedia.com

The VCBCDC is attending to spread the word about job openings in Valley City. If you are interested in having your job openings available at this event and cannot attend, please contact Trinity at 701-845-1891 or vdgoffice@hellovalley.com

Apprenticeship ND

The ND Department of Commerce is hosting several meetings to help show businesses how to create apprenticeship programs.

Valley City Session Info:

Wednesday, January 24th
1:30 pm

Regional Technology Center
415 Winter Show Road, SE

Register at:

<https://www.workforce.nd.gov/workforce/apprenticeship/InfoSessions/>



Flex PACE for Multi-Family Housing Rehab

The Development Corporation is launching its Flex PACE for Multi-Family Housing Rehab program and began accepting applications January 15th. Matching funds will be available to reduce the interest rate on loans secured to renovate existing apartment buildings having four or more units. The Flex PACE Program is an interest reduction program in partnership with lenders, the Bank of North Dakota and the Corporation.

The overall goal of this County-wide program is to improve existing multi-family housing units as part of the economic development efforts to create jobs and recruit and retain employees. If you are making improvements to existing multi-family housing you currently own or are looking to purchase and improve existing multi-family housing, please contact Jennifer Feist at vdg@hellovalley.com or 701-840-7820 for program guidelines or your lender.

Community Visioning: Living Life Here Initiative

After 5 large visioning meetings and various small group meetings, over 50 individuals contributed to the Living Life Here Initiative. A report summarizing the progress of this visioning initiative is available at the Development Corporation office and digital copies are available by request. Now, groups are beginning their work to prioritize and carry out proposed action steps.

Want to get involved?

If you are passionate about one or more of the 7 work areas, please join us. If you have questions, are interested in participating, or know someone who would be a valuable addition to this effort, please contact Trinity at 701-845-1891 or vdgoffice@hellovalley.com.

Community Visioning Working Groups

- Business Development
- Education
- Healthcare
- Infrastructure & Housing
- Leadership & Volunteerism
- Quality of Life, Community Engagement, Recreation & the Arts
- Services, Resources & Public Information

Helping Local Entrepreneurs

The Development Corporation established the Entrepreneur Fund to support entrepreneurial activities including new product development. The intent is to encourage entrepreneurs to step forward with their ideas and personal investment to build a viable commercial opportunity. By providing matching dollars to assist, innovations may have an opportunity to grow.

A local entrepreneur who invented a vertical garden is the first recipient. Practical applications are urban population centers especially apartments. The product allows consumers to grow upwards of 20 plants within two square feet of floor space. The device also encourages recycling/reuse of plastic products.

Business Experience for Valley City High School Students

The State Career and Technology Education Department provided \$10,000 to help the high school invest in a wide format printer that produces vinyl banners as part of its STEM efforts and expansion of the Technology Education and Engineering Program. This interdisciplinary opportunity allows students to build on their graphic design, business, advertising, problem solving, and teamwork skills as well as practical application of marketing, sales and budgeting. Students with varying passions work to create and operate a self-sustaining business while partnering with peers and businesses within the community. The grant required a 50% match from a local business or organization, which was provided by the Development Corporation.