

BIDCO Update



"Promoting Economic Growth and Development"

February 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members of BIDCO, the Chamber of Commerce and the City met with a prospective business in February. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Wright county development office and included visits to properties in Belmond, Eagle Grove, and Clarion.

Denny Bowman did a fantastic job arranging the visit and managing the companies time during the visit. The highlight of the visit was the short demonstration of the company products and capabilities. This particular business is very small and would only employ approximately 4-7 employees in the short term in a 10,000 square feet building.

We'll see how the company responds to the visit and be open to further discussions about a potential move to Belmond. Regardless of this visit status we will continue to look for good company matches for our local economy.

Dan Lovgren

FEATURED BUSINESS

Belmond Medical Center



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KNOW YOUR BIDCO BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Soma is a Belmond native and has served as a BIDCO board member since 1996. Steve has been employed with First Gabrielson Agency since 1981 and is office manager for their Belmond and Thornton locations.

As an active promoter of Belmond, Steve has served the community in several capacities. He was a member of the Belmond Jaycees for 17 years, and is a past president of the Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Belmond Gridiron Club, and BK Booster Klub. Steve is currently a board member of the Belmond Hospital Foundation, Belmond-Klemme Scholarship Foundation II, and Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation.

Steve and his wife, Barb, have two children, Brad and Amy.



Steve Soma

Web Project Status

The BIDCO Board, Chamber of Commerce and the City have agreed to pursue a change to the community web site. The official vote of the city council will happen early in March to make the project official.

Even now, preliminary work is currently underway to collect the information for the site and begin the coding for our new site. The attached documents were mailed to every chamber member and BIDCO member in town. Please pass them on to anyone you know that may have a small business that is not a Chamber member as these businesses can also be listed on the web site without a cost to the business. We want all to be included and we need your photos and information.

News letter Contact: Dan Lovgren (641) 444-5206, e-mail danielelovgren@eaton.com

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Dr. G.H. Steele established the first Belmond Hospital in 1915 in the Martin building on main that consisted of 4 hospital rooms his office and living quarters. When Dr. Leinbach joined Dr. Steele's practice in 1937, the Belmond Hospital was located in the Richardson house. In 1937 the "Steele Memorial Clinic" was added next to the hospital. Belmond was quite innovative as the idea of a clinic adjacent to a hospital was new to rural health care. Upon Dr. Steele's death in 1944 the hospital was renamed "Steele Memorial Hospital." Belmond Community Hospital opened at its current location in 1952. Many improvements and renovations have occurred over the years. Most recently, the clinic and hospital campus was joined in 2002 with a renovation that included rebuilding of the clinic area, adding a specialty clinic area, a new emergency room and an ER entrance with an ambulance bay. Shortly after these latest improvements the health care facility was renamed "Belmond Medical Center" to reflect the varied and diverse health services provided under one roof.

Presently the Belmond Medical Center is a 22 bed Critical Access Hospital/Clinic. We are looking at further renovation plans to the Belmond Medical Center to meet growing patient care needs that we have experienced lately. Nearly eighteen months ago, Belmond Medical Center leaders began exploring ways to assure our future success. During this process we entered into a management contract with Wright Medical Center became effective January 1, 2007. This collaboration is a very positive and practical approach to improving and expanding the health care services to Belmond and the surrounding area.

Belmond Medical Center has experienced significant growth in both inpatient and outpatient service areas over that past year. We have added specialty physicians in the surgery, dermatology and orthopedics areas. We have expanded laboratory hours. Donald Woodhouse MD and Glee Christ ARNP joined Linda Loux PA at the Belmond Medical Center clinic. We have increased the therapy staff to meet both the increased community and in patient therapy needs. These are only a few of our growth areas. Our financial outlook continues to improve. Annualized gross revenues are approaching nearly \$10 million. Employee count is up to 114 with annualized payroll exceeding \$5 million. Belmond Medical Center is well positioned to provide excellent and progressive healthcare to Belmond and the surrounding communities. We are very grateful to the Belmond area community for being so supportive these many past years.

For further information concerning Belmond Medical Center please contact Nancy Gabrielson, Administrator at 641-444-3223.

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BIDCO Industrial Development

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www.belmond.com Website Authorization Form

iStop® Web Design Services is contracted to develop a new web site for the City of Belmond, the Chamber of Commerce, and BIDCO: www.belmond.com. To be included on the website, please complete the information below, sign, and return to **Dan Lovgren 203 6th AVE SE, Belmond, IA 50421**. *There is NO charge.* For more information call Dan @ 641 444 3803 or 641 444 5206.

Business/Organization Name:	Contact Person:	
Street Address:	Mailing Address:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Fax:	
E-Mail:	Website:	

The business directory section of the website includes various category headings, such as those used in the yellow pages. Please use the attached sheet to check any headings that apply to your business or organization. We will make every effort to accommodate your requests, but cannot guarantee headings will be used or appear exactly as listed. If a heading is missing for your business please add it in the spaces provided. A business can and should be listed in all that apply.

Please circle **YES** or **NO** on the following items:

- YES NO** I want to be included in the free Business Directory on the www.belmond.com website.
- YES NO** I would like a link to my website from the www.belmond.com website.
- YES NO** I would like a link to the www.belmond.com website from my website.
- YES NO** I would like additional information regarding website design.
- YES NO** I would like to place an ad on the www.belmond.com website.

Please return this form to Dan Lovgren., at the address listed above. The information you have provided will be posted to the website upon receipt. Your prompt reply is appreciated.

Authorized Signature (required)

Date

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February 26, 2008

To: Belmond Residents Past and Present

From: Belmond Chamber of Commerce, BIDCO and the City of Belmond

Subject: Belmond Web Site Photo Collection

The City, Chamber and BIDCO have contracted with iSTOP® Web Design Services, a company in Sheffield, to redesign the current web site for our community. Part of this project will include an extensive photo gallery to highlight the best that we have to offer in the Belmond area.

The topics for photos includes but is not limited to the following:

4 th of July	Bike / Walking Trail	Water Sports	Bronco sports
Camping	Disc Golfing	Fall Festival	Fireman's Breakfast
Fishing	Golf	Hunting	Santa Parade
Swimming Pool	Winter Sports	Tornado	Historical
Parks and Rec	Fire Department	Power Show	

Please call or e-mail the undersigned if you have any photos you are willing to share on the Belmond web site. Your involvement in this process is critical to the success of the project.

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