

# BIDCO Update



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our group has been flush with activities recently as we prepare items on many fronts. Our main project, the web design, is well underway and a full status report is on page 2, the annual meeting will provide a year summary of our activities, and the newsletter continues to generate at least one member visit each month as we prepare an article on the feature business.

I was watching an old home movie last week where Lisa and I drove around Belmond with a video camera in 1990. It was fun to see some of the buildings and businesses then vs. now. I began to realize that even though it seems sometimes that we are not moving fast enough we are making progress. Who knows what's around the next corner?

All we can do is continue to make small steps to make the town better and prepare for the future whatever it may hold. It could be that someone may visit our web site in August 2008 and make a decision to base here for some reason we can only imagine. The point is that we need to lay the tools out there or we won't have that opportunity.

Eaton Corporation and Belmond provided an opportunity for me many years ago; let's do our best to continue that legacy for others to come.

Dan Lovgren

## FEATURED BUSINESS Max Yield Cooperative

MaxYield Cooperative is headquartered in West Bend, Iowa. The farmer-owned cooperative was founded in 1915 and has locations in Algona, Ayshire, Bancroft, Britt, Fostoria, Dickens, Emmetsburg, Garner, Hobarton, Klemme, Lakota, Mallard, Meservey, Rodman, West Bend, Whittemore, and Belmond, Iowa.

Belmond operations began in 2003 with the purchase from Agri Industries and include the former Cargill and Farmers Grain elevator properties. MaxYield is a full service cooperative offering crop inputs, grain merchandising and storage as well as agronomy solutions to farmers within a 20 mile radius of Belmond.



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## KNOW YOUR BIDCO BOARD MEMBERS

My wife, daughter and I moved to Belmond from the Twin Cities in 2003, when I took positions with the Wright County Attorney's Office and the Houser & Berkland law firm. Having grown up in nearby Fort Dodge, it was especially nice to return to Iowa with my family. Five years and two more children later, we know we made the right choice. The people we have met in Belmond have made us feel like this is home and we are excited to be able to be a part of a community with small town values and growing aspirations. I have been a member of the BIDCO board since 2004. I hope to continue with the board in supporting Belmond businesses and keeping this a great place to work and live.



Eric Simonson

## Habitat for Humanity



Habitat for Humanity is coming to Belmond, full story on page 2.

## Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar for APRIL 28th to attend the BIDCO annual meeting! Our speaker will be Tom Houser and the BIDCO board will be sharing activities from throughout the past year. More information will be coming via mail to all BIDCO members in early April. We hope to see you there.

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## Web Project Update

The Web Project is coming along nicely. I'm pretty certain that the core team members are getting tired of e-mails from me to collect information and prepare for the site but the results are getting closer. I hope to have a projector at the annual meeting with a running example of the web site so you can get a feel for the previous site and the new site. The end goal is to have the site fully operational and ready for public use in June 2008.

We are currently working on the home page design and have four options for the team to choose from, the main headers are shown on page 3 for all to view and vote. After the home page look has been established, we will start to populate the site with the required information and set up the links. Your feedback on business information will be loaded into the database and uploaded to the site when that module is complete.

All local churches were contacted as well to provide a summary, photo and contact information. A similar display is also possible for other town organizations if they want to supply a photo and mission statement. Right now all I have is a listing of town organizations, phone number, and contact info.

One thing is for sure, we must keep the site current and put a review practice in place to make sure that we're not in this same position 5 years from now. Thanks for your continued support of this project and don't hesitate to call or e-mail if you have something to add to the site. Dan Lovgren 641 444 5206 or [danielelovgren@eaton.com](mailto:danielelovgren@eaton.com).

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## Habitat For Humanity

The North Central Iowa chapter of Habitat for Humanity has recently acquired Wright County. The Community Involvement Team at Eaton has been working with Habitat for the past 9 months to begin organizing the first build which will happen in Belmond. The team is seeking businesses and individuals throughout the county that are interested in supporting the project. Anyone interested in contributing funding, materials, labor or expertise is encouraged to contact [KevinJBock@eaton.com](mailto:KevinJBock@eaton.com).

Additional information will be released in the local media in the upcoming weeks. More information about Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa can be found at [www.habitatnci.org](http://www.habitatnci.org).

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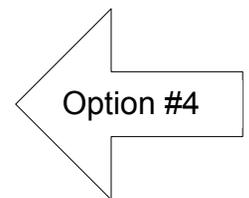
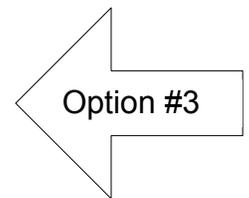
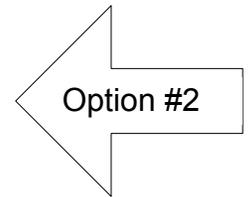
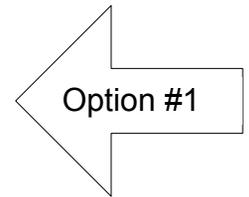


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## Vote for your favorite web site top area

E-mail or call Lovgren with your vote 641 444 5206. But do it quickly since we hope to have the home page artwork determined by 4-9 at the very latest. We're on track to start the site in June as projected.



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## FEATURED BUSINESS, Cont. Page 1

### Max Yield Cooperative

Local employment is twelve full-time with another four hired during the harvest season. Over the past 5 years several large improvement projects have been accomplished at the Belmond site. Nearly \$3 million was invested in a new dryer/load out facility which includes a 100 unit train car capacity. This improved efficiency allows a 100 car train to be received loaded and enroute in less than 10 hours.

Additional bin storage has been erected putting storage capacity in excess of 5 million bushels. This last fall an open bunker was built holding 1.3 million bushels of corn. A subsidiary company, GE-Max Nutrients, LLC also operates out of Belmond handling 80,000 ton of chicken litter annually employing 6 spreaders and 18 truckers during the fall season.

For more information regarding MaxYield contact Ron Schachtner at [rschachtner@maxyieldcooperative.com](mailto:rschachtner@maxyieldcooperative.com) or call 641-444-4004 or get on the web at [www.MaxYieldCooperative.com](http://www.MaxYieldCooperative.com).

### *We See More in Your Fields*

Our clients farm for a reason. "We see more in your fields" means that we not only work to maximize the harvest, but we never lose sight of the bigger picture of why people farm.

Our clients don't farm for profit alone. They farm for what the profit will do for them. For some, it provides a quality of life that can't be matched anywhere else. For others, it helps put their children through college and offers opportunities for the next generation to return to the farm.

It's our job at MaxYield Cooperative to understand these hopes and dreams, and provide solutions to help you get there.

MaxYield is about providing solutions, not just selling "stuff."

