

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Bridging Brown County Board of Directors work together to make Brown County stronger!

Many of us think of our “community” as only the town in which we live. But we also belong to a larger rural community: the community formed by ALL residents of Brown County. We are a neighborhood of communities that share common challenges and opportunities. Bridging Brown County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations composed of Brown County, Minnesota residents. We meet to discuss ideas to develop greater awareness of community throughout our county. The board meets monthly, on the second Tuesday at 8:00 AM and interested persons are welcome to attend. Bridging Brown County was formed in 1999 and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2003.

The BBC Board of Directors is made up of representatives from four Regions. The regions are: Region 1 includes the cities of Springfield and Comfrey, the townships of Burnstown, Stately, Mulligan, Northstar, Bashaw and Leavenworth. Region 2 includes the cities of Sleepy Eye, Evan and Cobden, the townships of Prairieville, Eden, and Home. Region 3 includes the city of Hanska, the townships of Lake Hanska, Linden, Albin, Cottonwood, Stark and Sigel. Region 4 includes the city of New Ulm and Milford Township. We are looking for additional representatives from Region 1 and Region 3.

The mission of Bridging Brown County is to strengthen the Brown County community by bridging relationships of understanding and communication. We strive to achieve this by setting the following goals for BBC: *Better communication and understanding among the communities. *Awareness of the interdependency of communities within the county area. *Promote the county as providing a viable lifestyle for present and future residents. *Support all communities within the county by promoting industry and economic development. *Nurture and support individual community traditions.

BBC supports two major program areas. The Brown County Congress of Elected and Appointed Officials: Key leaders from the county, cities, school districts and township associations in Brown County meet quarterly to focus on strategic “big picture” issues affecting the entire county. Meetings are held quarterly at the Brown County REA Auditorium in Sleepy Eye. Occasionally open forums for the general public are held. The second program is the Bridging Brown County Leadership Program. This program serves as an opportunity for individual community members to develop leadership skills and gather knowledge of the trends, challenges and issues that face our communities and Brown County. This is a 9 month, 9 session program that leads participants through leadership training while building friendships and visiting the county’s entertainment, industry, and government highlights. At least one day is spent in each city of Brown County, additional days focus on government leadership, agriculture, and the history of Brown County.

Brown County is funded thru donations from the townships and cities of Brown County as well as through the generous support from our sponsors. So far this year we have received funding from Brown County, City of Springfield, City of Sleepy Eye, City of New Ulm, Milford Township and from the following individuals and businesses: Harvestland Cooperative, F & M Bank, Mark Thomas Company, Mark Swift, Miki & Sam Schultz, New Ulm Dental Clinic, William Ries, Donna Wing Agency, McCabe’s ACE Hardware, Miller Sellner, Lifetime Eye Care Center, and Choice Financial of Comfrey. If you would like to make a **tax deductible donation** to Bridging Brown County, please send to: Bridging Brown County 115 Second Ave NE, Sleepy Eye MN 56085.

For more information on Bridging Brown County you may go to our website – www.bridgingbrowncounty.org or contact Clarice Platz, Director at 507-794-4733.

Bridging Brown County Board of Directors for 2011



Front Row: L to R: Donna Lambrecht, Reg 4; Deanne Bryce, Reg. 1; Lucy Gluth, Reg. 2; Clarice Platz, Director
Back Row: L to R: Casey Coulson, Reg. 2; Jim Lilleodden, Reg. 3; Sue Rothmeier, Reg. 4; Miki Schultz, Reg. 2; Barb Horsch, Reg. 4; Mark Swift, Reg. 1.

Bridging Brown County is seeking additional representatives for Region 1 & Region 3.