



# **2012 Community Contributions**

In February, PED hosted Nebraska attorney Michael Bacon to speak on Tax Increment Financing – educating our community leaders on TIF.

PED facilitated the transfer of the former Hospital to Golden-Rod Hills currently known as NENCAP – bringing approximately 50 new jobs into our community in early March.

PED Coordinator, Diann Ballard worked with Tom Perez on the submission of a FEMA grant for a new warning siren to be placed within our city limits – securing the safety of our citizens and saving our Community \$15,000 on the equipment.

PED Coordinator, Diann Ballard completed and submitted three training grants for the Pender Volunteer Fire Department. Educating our volunteers and saving our Community nearly \$500 on training expenses.

PED sponsored an informational meeting with the Nebraska Manufacturers Extension Program to bring data about grants available for them to be ISO 9001 Certified – two employers accepted the challenge and utilized the programs saving them collaboratively nearly \$10,000.

We worked with Housing.NE.gov to promote housing within our community on their website – this is a free service sponsored by NIFA in Nebraska. This service assist people in finding places to live or landlords to find eligible tenants.

PED, Inc. in collaboration with Pender State Bank and Charter West National Bank hosted a Makin' Money Camp on June 13 & 14 at Pender Public School. We had 22 children present from towns including: Pender, Thurston, Emerson, Waterbury, Belden, and Randolph. This was a basic entrepreneur camp provided at no cost to the children.