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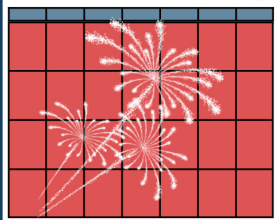
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September 2016

## WHAT'S NEW WITH US>>>

### **Annual Meeting of Members**

The Gowrie Development Commission Annual Meeting of Members was held Wednesday evening, September 7th at 7:00 pm. This meeting lasted about 30 minutes where members reviewed the financial statement and re-elected Berna Tucker and Marsha Farnham to the Board of Directors. Members had a brief update on all four committees including Housing, Image, Membership and Business Development as well as Quality of Life. Kelly Halstad and Dennis Plautz from the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance as well as Mark Campbell, Webster County Supervisor were also in attendance and gave brief statements. There really is "go in Gowrie!"

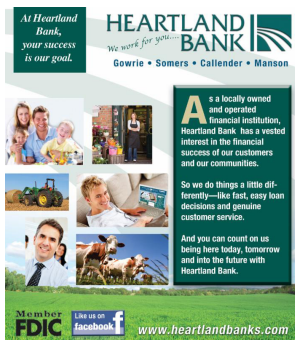


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The Board of Directors for the Gowrie Development



Commission and recently elected officers include: Phillip DeCastro, The Drill Barbershop, President; Mindy Swieter, Security Savings Bank, Vice-President; Marcie Boerner, Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone, Secretary; Berna Tucker, Heartland Bank, Treasurer; Marsha Farnham, Farm & Town Insurance; Chelsey Worrel, Chelz Salon; Cindy Carstens, Stewart Memorial Community Hospital; Gayle Redman, City of Gowrie; and Chuck Angstrom, Gowrie Municipal Utilities. Kevin Black, Heartland Bank, is the GDC representative at the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance.

Thanks to these individuals and their employers for allowing them time to focus on projects for the community of Gowrie.

## Garage Sales

Sponsored by the Gowrie Development Commission garage sales were held Friday and Saturday, September 9th & 10th. Despite the rain Gowrie was busy with shoppers attending over 17 garage sales around town!

## Homecoming

Southeast Valley High School enjoyed Homecoming activities September 11-16th with many activities evident throughout the community of Gowrie such as window painting downtown and the parade route from the high school to the football field for the big pep rally on Friday.

## Survey Says

Click below to take this quick one question survey!



If you could change one thing about the downtown of Gowrie what would it be?

## GO AND DO IN GOWRIE

Do you have an event coming up? Email [gowrie@wccta.net](mailto:gowrie@wccta.net) to get your information listed on the community calendar at [www.gowrie.org](http://www.gowrie.org).

## QUALITY OF LIFE IN GOWRIE

### Disc Golf Course

What is Disc Golf? Very similar to regular golf, it is a game in which a plastic disc is thrown into a series of metal baskets situated on an outdoor course, the object being to complete the course using the fewest possible throws.



Gowrie's Laurel Park Disc Golf Course is a 9 hole course that is trickier than it first appears. Tucked into Laurel Park, it is a good mixture of all kinds of shots that favor lefties, righties, technical, and power for most players. But, do not let that intimidate the novice player. There are no water hazards to lose your disc in, just a couple of trees you might have to climb. So grab some discs and the family and head on out!



Recently the Gowrie Growth Group hosted the 2nd Annual Harvest 9 hole classic disc golf tournament in

Gowrie. Several people enjoyed a Bag Tag League throughout the summer. Need more information about disc golf or supplies? Contact Phil DeCastro at The Drill Barbershop. Follow Gowrie Disc Golfer on Facebook!



## MEMBER TO MEMBER

### DeCastro Awarded 10 Under 40

The list of the Fort Dodge Region's Top 10 Under 40 was recently released with Gowrie businessman Phillip DeCastro making the list!



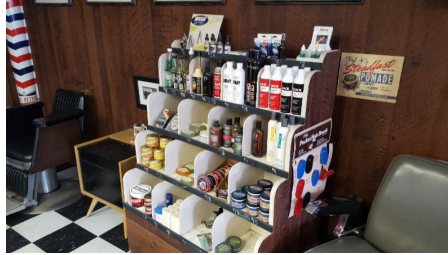
The Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance, Fort Dodge Young Professionals, and The Messenger sponsored a program to feature 10 individuals under the age of 40 who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in their workplace and community. Through their actions and initiatives they serve as an inspiration helping others to excel. Winners were featured in a special section of The Fort Dodge Messenger published on September 18th.

Phil's commitment to business growth, professional excellence and community service is evident as noted by several community members when nominated for the award:

Keeping the barbering tradition alive, Phil is the owner of "The Drill Barbershop" which opened in 2014 after the retirement of Darrell Mischke. The location in Gowrie has housed a barber for over 100 years. Due to



Phil's success in Gowrie he is expanding to a second location in Fort Dodge soon. His loyal clients have become repeat customers due to Phil's superior talents, experience and outgoing personality. His



storefront is an important and much appreciated part of Gowrie's commercial district. In addition to trimming hair and beards he provides niche services such as men's hair care products, disc golf supplies, and is the local pickup for dry cleaning in Gowrie.

His previous education and experience in barbering began in California. He was instrumental in opening several shops in Los Angeles and Las Vegas before coming to Iowa.

After living in Los Angeles for almost 10 years Phil and his wife moved to Gowrie his wife's hometown. He has quickly immersed himself in the community. He serves as President on the Gowrie Development Commission Board of Directors and is chairperson of the Quality of Life Committee. Phil also serves on the City of Gowrie Parks Board. In addition to working on the maintenance of three city parks, he is also coordinating with the GDC Quality of Life committee to add a dog park and a bike trail in Gowrie.

Last year, in an effort to share his hobby with the community, he designed and implemented a disc golf course in Gowrie near Laurel Park. He did the research on it, determined a location for it using both city and school property, coordinated the purchase of equipment, and personally worked with donors to secure funding for everything needed. After organizing the volunteers, the project was quickly completed in a matter of a few months! He continues to add



improvements to the course recently adding concrete "tee boxes" last month. As a member of a local service organization, Gowrie Growth Group (G3G), he then coordinated tournaments and a "bag tag" summer competition for the course. It has quickly become a popular activity!

Phil is very dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in our community. He is always willing to help in any way he can and rallies volunteers when more help is needed. His attitude, personality and ideas bring a fresh perspective to all the organizations he works with facilitating communication among them all. Phil is truly a joy to work with and admired by many people within and outside our community.

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