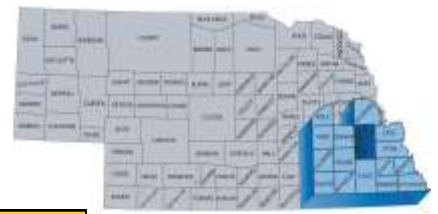


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Kevin Burnison Leaves SENDD after 26 years of Service

Kevin Burnison has been a key staff member for more than 25 years at the Southeast Nebraska Development District Humboldt Office. During that time he has provided services to local leaders and communities throughout the region, but especially in Johnson, Nemaha, Richardson and Pawnee Counties. Kevin has recently decided to relocate to South Dakota, but will continue to work with Community and Economic development activities. Kevin will be joining the South Eastern Council of Governments in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The following is his memo to the SENDD family who has

shared time with Kevin over his quarter century at SENDD. Kevin's last working day at SENDD was May 16, 2014, however he will still be in the area as his family transitions to their new home in South Dakota.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank SENDD Executive Director David Taladay, former Director George Frye as well as the SENDD staff and SENDD Board of Directors serving over the years that have helped to sustain this voluntary association of municipal and county government. It has been a joy. Over the last 25 years, I have had a personal commitment to serving the

local Elected Officials, Staff, and Volunteers that make up the SENDD family. I have long repeated that leaders in small and rural communities deserve the same professional staff that any major metropolitan area would expect. I have tried to meet that high standard of delivering professional service as I have responded to requests, be it from a small village or a multi-county solid waste management group. These types of transitions typically get somewhat frenetic, but my wife Joyce and I will not move out of Humboldt for a year, which should give me the opportunity to cross paths with many of you.

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Kevin Burnison receives a certificate of appreciation from USDA– Rural Development Roger Meeks

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Communicating this transition to the many local leaders who are a part of this broad SENDD circle is one of the tougher parts of this job. For me it comes with a knot in my throat and tears quietly rolling down my cheeks as I run out of air to talk. I learned years ago that the depth of such response is just a signal of how much we are connected to each

space with me have carved a niche in my heart and have shaped who I am. Again, Thanks for being a part of the SENDD team. It has been a hoot. KB. 5-16-2014”

Executive Director, Dave Taladay, indicated just how important Kevin has been to SENDD in the following as part of the acceptance of his resignation:

“With regret, but with our best wishes, we accept your letter of resignation for full time employment as of May 31, 2014. I believe that you will be of great benefit to your new employer and to your fellow employees and the communities for which SECOG provides assistance. If you give

them even half of what you gave us, they should get double the results from any other new employee.”

Thank you, from all of us for your years of service!



Kevin spending time with some of the SENDD Family youngest members.

other. For me personally I hope to find the time and place to thank you for the partnership role you have played in supporting my enjoyable tenure here at SENDD. Each of you who have shared this time and

Fairbury Receives \$25,000 in tax credits to renovate Bonham Theatre

The CDAA program that awards tax credits to donors encourages private investors to financially support nonprofit community betterment organizations in an effort to undertake community service and development projects.

The credits represent 40 percent of each contribution, and reduce a contributor's state income tax burdens. Every dollar contributed to a project results in a \$0.40 tax credit return. Donations may be in the form of cash, services, or materials. The minimum eligible contribution for a tax credit is \$50.

For information about the CDAA program, contact Jenny Bindrum, CDAA coordinator, at 402-471-6280, or jenny.bindrum@nebraska.gov

The Bonham Theatre Project (BTP) will use \$25,000 in tax credits to support the renovation of the historic two-screen theatre; upgrade the facility to meet guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and conform to building, fire, and safety codes; and install digital projection equipment.

Located in downtown Fairbury, the theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a contributing building to the Fairbury Historic Commercial District. Bringing the Bonham back to its original grandeur will attract patrons regionally and statewide.

The Bonham, the only theatre in Jefferson County, closed in 2012 due the high cost of digital conversion and subsequent lack of funding; however, the BTP was formed shortly thereafter with the sole purpose of re-opening the theatre as a community-run movie, arts, and entertainment center. The Bonham was acquired by the BTP on January 4, 2013. Much of the organization, construction, and operation of the facility has been, and will continue to be, volunteer-driven.

Budget for the total project is \$915,000.

Contact Deborah Ebke, Bonham Theatre Project, at 402-4467436, or debbyebke@gmail.com