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Bringing business to Interstate Highway 86/99 corridor



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Above, below | The I-86 Interchange is shown. Three Rivers Development Corp. officials introduced their Economic Development Blueprint Thursday. The document identifies 16 areas along the corridor that would be suitable for future development for manufacturing, retail, tourism, business and commercial uses.

Plan shows possible sites for development

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CORNING | What's the future of economic development along the Interstate Highway 86/99 corridor in Southeast Steuben County?

No one knows for sure but the Three Rivers Development Corp. has identified and mapped out potential sites for economic development that could possibly occur in the next 10 to 15 years.

Three Rivers officials rolled out its Economic Development Blueprint Thursday encompassing seven municipalities that border the Interstate Highway 86/99 corridor.

The 43-page document identifies 16 areas along the corridor that would be suitable for future development for manufacturing, retail, tourism, business and commercial uses.

The study was driven by the \$400 million federal and state governments have spent on interstate highway projects in our area, said Jack Benjamin, president of Three Rivers Development Corp., which spearheaded the study.

"The rationale was to put



together a plan that takes advantage of that investment," Benjamin said. "Our access to two interstates presents an unusual opportunity. Businesses want to be located near exits."

In addition to the interstates, Whit Smith, of Corning Inc., said the existing railway system also makes this corner of the county desirable to industry looking to expand or relocate.

"The natural railway

rights of way are huge as far as attracting industry," Smith said.

Benjamin said the blueprint will be used to attract new business.

"The end game is, not only do we have a plan for the interstate, we have a marketing tool for southeast Steuben County for the next 10 to 15 years," Benjamin said.

The document contains

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At a glance

The five areas identified as priority sites:

- The site adjacent to the Dresser-Rand plant in Painted Post.
- The former Dresser-Rand foundry site.
- The former Fallbrook plant in Corning.
- The northeastern area in the town of Erwin close to Corning Inc.'s diesel plant.
- The Erwin center along I-99.

NRCC: Reed running for Congress

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CORNING | Mayor Tom Reed won't say yet whether or not he is running for Congress, but the National Republican Congressional Committee claims he is a candidate and is currently accepting money on his behalf.



REED

The National Republican Congressional Committee has named Reed as one of four House Republican Young Guns to challenge Democrat incumbents.

The NRCC sent out a mass e-mail Thursday seeking donations on behalf of Reed and three other candidates from areas in Alabama, California and Illinois.

"Because of your generosity we have been able to recruit excellent candidates across the country including ... Mayor of Corning, N.Y. - Tom Reed," the solicitation said.

Signs have existed for weeks that Reed, 37, is preparing to run against freshman U.S. Rep. Eric Massa, D-Corning, in the 2010 election. Reed is in his first term as mayor, the only public office he has held.

Reed previously said he will not seek re-election and he will announce his political plans by Wednesday.

Several sources expect him to commit to an all-out campaign next week.

"I can see why people would identify him as someone to look at for future leadership," said Phil Palmesano, Corning City Republican chairman. "I haven't talked to him specifically about this,

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Horseheads

Residents to get look at Schlumberger project

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HORSEHEADS | Residents will soon have the opportunity to take a close look at a major development project in the village of Horseheads - and later, to voice their opinions.

At Thursday evening's Horseheads Village Board meeting, a public informational session was set for July 7 on the proposed Schlumberger Technology Corp. facility.

The meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the Horseheads Fire Hall, located at 134 N. Main St., near Hanover Square.

"People will be able to take a look at the site plans, and hear from the engineers and company representatives," said Mayor Don Zeigler.

If you go

WHAT | Public informational session.

WHEN | 7-9 p.m. July 7.
 WHERE | Horseheads Fire Hall, 134 N. Main St.

Also Thursday, village officials set a public hearing on the Schlumberger project's environmental and site plan review for 6 p.m. on July 9. The meeting will be held prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

If approved, the Schlumberger facility will be built on 87 acres in The Center at Horseheads, an industrial park

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Jackson, 'King of Pop' dies at 50 in hospital

BY LYNN ELBER
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LOS ANGELES | Michael Jackson, the sensationally gifted child star who rose to become the "King of Pop" and the biggest celebrity in the world only to fall from his throne in a freakish series of scandals, died Thursday. He was 50.

Jackson died at UCLA Medical Center after being stricken at his rented home in Holmby Hills. Paramedics tried to resuscitate him at his home for nearly three-quarters of an hour, then rushed him to the hospital, where doctors



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 In this February 1984 file photo, Michael Jackson is seen backstage at the 26th annual Grammy Awards.

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High winds cause damage in Painted Post

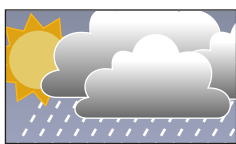


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Far left | Trees and wires came down during high winds on Jerome Street in Painted Post. Left | Painted Post firefighters work to clear trees and wires from Imperial Avenue Thursday afternoon.



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