



Tama County, Iowa  
Economic Development

## The American Green



### Traer Manufacturing Closing

May 30, 2007 Magna International Corp announced its intent to begin phasing out 150 jobs and closing down its Traer Manufacturing plant over the next 13 months. Tama County Economic Development is working with the different stakeholders to make sure we make optimal use of local and state groups on supporting the workforce and other affected entities as it pertains to the immediate needs and assessments, as well as sustainable long-term solutions.



### Free Web Courses in Entrepreneurship & Personal Finances

Both Iowa State University Extension Office (ISU) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) respectively launched new online tools that can help Tama County residents and businesses actualize their potential. In the privacy of your home, and at no cost, you can now complete ISU's personal finance course [www.extensions.iastate.edu/financial/money](http://www.extensions.iastate.edu/financial/money) or SBA's **Strategies for Success** online training course [www.sba.gov/training](http://www.sba.gov/training)



### Internship Opportunities

Tama County Economic Development has custom designed internships available for students or career changers interested in hands on experience in subject areas like: tourism, community development, housing development, entrepreneurship, small business development, marketing and research. Positions are non-paid, but could be designed to be for school credit. Contact Lindi (641) 484-3108



### Guide to enjoying the Iowa River

The Iowa Valley Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) announces its receipt of a Natural Resource-Based Opportunities grant in the amount of \$25,000. The grant is to develop a Sportsman's Guide and a Paddler's Guide to the Iowa River Corridor. There will be an opportunity to advertise in the guides. Qualifying rural businesses of less than 50 employees and/or less than \$1 million in gross annual revenues will have the opportunity to advertise at no cost. For more info call Peter (319) 668-8110 or visit: [www.ivrcd.org](http://www.ivrcd.org)



### Are you growing?

Spread the word about Tama County Economic Development's free business assistance services for business owners, decision makers and consultants.

Let your clients know that we can help them with site selection, cost containment, economic research, financing, human resources, and advanced technology assistance.

More info about these services are available at [www.tamacountyiowa.org](http://www.tamacountyiowa.org) or contact our office directly at (641) 484-3108 or [info@tamacountyiowa.org](mailto:info@tamacountyiowa.org)

June

## Calendar

- Now — Jul. 31 **Smithsonian Code Talker Exhibit**, 8.am—10p.m. daily, Veterans Concentration Center, Outgami & Renard Rooms Meskwaki Bingo, Casino, Hotel 4 miles West of Toledo on U.S. Hwy. 30.
- Wed. 06 **Wednesday Night Concerts in the Park Kick-off event**, 6—8 p.m. Garwin, Free cake & coffee, hot sandwiches, popcorn & pop will be available for purchase; In conjunction with the Farmers Market.
- Fri. 08 **Traer Cruise** downtown Traer; car & motorcycle cruise down Main Street, judging in all categories, for all classes, makes & models of vehicles; registration at 4:30; judging at 7:00; cruise at 8:00; prizes, music, food.
- Fri. 08— Sat. 09 **Tama County Relay for Life** 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. at the South Tama High School track, Highway 63 in Tama; survivorship activities & luminaria program.
- Tue. 12 **State Bank of Toledo 80th Anniversary Celebration**, 5p.m.—7:30p.m. A Meal will be served at 1001 S County Road Toledo.
- Sat. 16 **John Ernest Vineyard & Winery**, 6-9 p.m. rural Tama, Dogs on Skis will be performing.
- Sun. 17 **Ice Cream Social**, WFLA/ZCJB Lodge in Clutier, homemade ice cream, sandwiches, & pies; bingo
- Fri. 22 **Tama-Toledo Chamber BBQ Contest**, 5pm judging & sampling Tama County Courthouse Square, Toledo. Best chefs will win great prizes.
- Sat. 23 **Rube's Fest** downtown Montour; live music, food & drink tent.
- Sat. 23 **Car & Cruise Show** Saturday, June 23; cruise through Tama & Toledo, street dance in Tama, car show, swap meet & craft show, lunch, music.

**Tama County Farmers Markets**  
Summer 2007: **Tue** Dysart | **Wed** Traer & Garwin (1st & 3rd only) | **Fri** Toledo

