

# Gate City Development making land purchase

Gate City Development Association has signed a purchase agreement for approximately 49 acres of land on the southeast edge of Gary. The two phase purchase agreement has the first phase being completed this year for 23 acres within the city limits of Gary. The second phase involves an additional 29 acres connecting to the south edge of the property in the first phase of the agreement.

Board president Will Stone said, "It became very evident in January that if we wanted to continue to

grow as a community we needed a site for businesses to locate. We had no place and our options were very limited."

The board began the search for possible prospect. Many meetings were held exploring locations, contacting prospective sellers, and culminating in the purchase agreement for the 49 acres.

Plans call for development of the site into combinations of commercial and residential areas. Aason

Engineering Company, Inc., has been secured to do preliminary layouts, platting and survey.

Rodney DeJong of Aason Engineering said the rolling nature of the property has great potential.

Mary Nosbush and Marion Denekamp, board members, agree that the ability to incorporate wildlife parks and walking trails will enhance both the industrial and commercial value of the property.

Angel Oeltjenbruns, another board members, said, "The view to the east from some of the prospective residential property is fantastic."

Board member Lynda Rol, added, "This whole project is going to be a definite asset to the Gary community."

The board notes they have many meetings and planning sessions ahead, but all are excited about future announcements pertaining to the property. Preliminary plats, to give the public an idea of the overall plan, will be available to view of the July 3rd and 4th activities in the community. Board members will be available to answer questions.