

Town's 1st public course centerpiece of project

PELLA, Iowa — Plans for a \$3.2-million, 135-acre public golf course, eight years in the dream stage, soon may be a reality here.

The Pella City Council has entered a public-private partnership with Bos Landen Development Group for the town's first 18-hole and first public course as the centerpiece of a \$60-million develop-

ment with up to 250 single-family houses and 140 townhouse, condominium and apartment units.

Kurt Kettler, whose idea it was, recruited homebuilder Darrell Van Hall and Central College Assistant Professor Bob Bruns.

They began buying land.

Members of the families that operate Pella's two largest firms —

Rolscreen Inc. and Vermeer Manufacturing Inc. — teamed with Kettler, Van Hall and Bruns to form Bos Landen, which is Dutch for "land of the trees."

The city is financing \$1.7 million of course construction cost, the developers \$1 million and the Rolscreen Foundation \$500,000.

Bighorn Institute upset, feels course a bother to wildlife

PALM DESERT, Calif. — The proposed 18-hole Altamira Country Club golf course received 3-2 City Council approval to the dismay of neighboring Bighorn Institute.

A sizable amount of open space will be required between homes and the research center.

Council members Buford Crites and Jean Benson wanted a larger buffer area to shield the institute's lambing pens from human intru-

sion.

Developer Jim Hayhoe plans to build a \$350-million project that

would include 450 luxury homes, an 18-hole golf course and a 40,000-square-foot clubhouse.

Paradise Valley course to be built by Flint

FAIRFIELD, Calif. — Flint Golf Course Construction Company of Sacramento has been awarded the construction contract for the \$2.3 million Paradise Valley Golf Course here.

A 2.26 million bid from Cagwin & Darwin of Novato was rejected because "it did not meet the necessary experience required by the city." That company's background was limited to nine holes at Bing Maloney Golf Course in Sacramento, said Charles Beck, Fairfield assistant public works director.

The Flint group has built 14 courses in 14 years, Beck noted.

N.J. community gives go-ahead to \$100M plan

MILLVILLE, N. J. — The Planning Board has given the green thumb to the Flower Time golfing complex in the form of unanimous preliminary approval.

The 630-acre golf/residential golf development will straddle the Millville-Fairfield Township boundary on Route 49 and feature two 18-hole golf courses, a nine-hole executive course and an English-style clubhouse.

Developer Robert Ench said foreign financing for the \$100 million project is nearly lined up, and construction could begin by late fall.

1,000-home project wins OK

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno County Board of Supervisors has approved plans of New Cities Development Corp. of Carmel for an 18-hole golf course and 1,000 housing units for Quail Lake Estates, a community east of Clovis.

Connecticut developer hopes to keep golfers in the North

RIDGEFIELD, Conn. — New York City developer Peter Friedman, borrowing from an idea popular in the south, wants to build 300 homes around an 18-hole golf course on 255 acres in rural Ridgebury.

Sal Monti, a member of the town golf committee, there would be a demand for homes costing between \$350,000 to \$450,000. "With basically six months of golf weather here, people paying that kind of money would rather go further

south," Monti said.

Henry Paparazzo, developer of Heritage Valley in Southbury and Heritage Hills in Somers, N. Y., sees appeal for permanent residents in the Ridgefield project. "For a vacation home, a place in the Carolinas is OK, although it gets hot in the summer," he said.

Paparazzo added that most residents in his communities don't play golf. "Many like to live on the golf course because it's a nice environment."

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