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Boosting Bellaire

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A LITTLE teamwork can go a long way in getting things accomplished.

Case in point: Bellaire, Belmont County and the county's port authority.

The three entities pooled their collective resources with the end result being a big economic boost down the road for the All-American Community.

This past week it was announced that this joint effort will lead to three new businesses for Bellaire, translating into some 100 jobs. It should all come to fruition in less than two months.

It would not have happened without much vision and cooperation.

Belmont County commissioners deserve credit for having the vision. Commissioners had the foresight to re-establish the dormant port authority, a vehicle for economic development.

The port authority — which enjoyed a rebirth in August of 2006 — has been making its presence felt throughout the county.

Its most recent dealing will produce a major shot-in-the-arm for Bellaire. The 26th Street area west of Nelson Field — better known as Commerce Park — will start living up to its name. Three businesses and 100 jobs will supply much-needed funds to the Bellaire coffers.

Bellaire officials aided the project by working hand-in-and with the port authority, donating two parcels of land to the authority and also creating a new road in the area.

The project would not have come down the pike if not for all three of the aforementioned entities understanding the benefits of a team effort.

Hopefully, other communities in Belmont County realize the potential the port authority harbors and the dividends that can be reaped.

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