

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN WRIGHT COUNTY

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This past month has had newsworthy events regarding “Worker Education”. A new offering for Entrepreneur Education Opportunities includes a monthly consultation and class at the Wright Technical Center in Buffalo. This class will happen the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Also, a skilled workforce testing program is now offered at CMJTS in Monticello with successful applicants getting a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), the nation’s preeminent work related skills credential.

Jaime Simonsen, Dean of Continuing Education at North Hennepin Community College, will be presenting on the “Working Learner” at our noon luncheon seminar in Rockford at the WHE Community Room on November 11th. You might consider attending to learn about the “Future of the Working Learner.” The new economy has changed not only the business landscape but the future of higher education too. Learn about national and state initiatives that will support the needs of the working learner and the growing number of jobs that will require some post-secondary education. Learn about initiatives to support the needs of the working learner that supports business in Wright County now and in the future.

But the biggest news of the month is probably the joining of www.metromsp.org by Wright County. Metromsp.org provides compelling economic development statistics as well as a search for available commercial or industrial properties. The website uses a GIS-based site selection tool called MSP Prospector. Its interactive mapping program enables quick location of buildings or land as well as access to site-specific demographic information and the ability to generate instant reports. Using this web site, individual property owners, local government representatives, and real estate professionals will be able to provide more comprehensive data on their properties.

I would be remiss if I didn’t say something about the wonderful year that most Wright county farmers are enjoying this year. They have been taking off above average yielding corn and soybeans and for the most part the harvest has been coming off with close to perfect moisture levels. In addition they are getting above average prices. All in all, this should end up being one of the better crop years in Wright County history. That should stimulate some buying activity among this important sector of the Wright County economy.

All of these news worthy events are part of the ever changing topography of Wright County, that supports the growth of business. Visit www.wrightpartnership.org for more information.