

POSITIVE NEWS FOR WRIGHT COUNTY

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September began with a spark of gusto in the stock market with positive economic news in the manufacturing reports. Those . . . “reports showed manufacturing activity picked up slightly in China in August after several months of slender declines.” (Also) “The Institute for Supply Management manufacturing survey of hundreds of companies showed surprising growth in its index after previous regions surveys appeared weak.” Investors interpreted this news as . . . “the two largest economies in the world reported better surveys; (and) there was widespread relief.”

There is positive economic news for Wright County as well:

- The city of Maple Lake finally decided what action they would take to upgrade their municipal liquor store and Bauer Design Build has started building the new liquor store on the Lake Region Co-Op site on the East side of town. This building will be leased to the city with an option to buy.
- Work is well underway at the Landscape Structures new 30,000 square foot addition to their manufacturing campus in Delano. Footings have been framed and are probably being poured at the time of this edition. Bauer Design Build is also building that addition.
- The Community of Monticello has finally developed some excellent training classes to help people to enhance their skills and abilities. This training will be provided by North Hennepin Community College (NHCC) and will provide a variety of classes at the Best Western Chelsea Inn & Suites in Monticello.
- The local Workforce Center in Monticello has been helping a lot of people get more training and helping them find work also. Their list and their success is long.
- A lot of manufacturers and other companies have hired new employees and those companies include Cinch Systems of St. Michael, Kaltec of Monticello, Landscape Structures of Delano, Pellco of St. Michael, Randy’s Sanitation of Delano, R&M Manufacturing of Buffalo, Saunatec of Cokato, Shark Industries of Rockford, Vitaldyne of Waverly, and Whirltronics of Buffalo; to name a few.
- Buffalo Hospital held its grand opening this past month for its new birth center.
- The annual Wright County Fair was a huge success with people coming from several states around for the Minneapolis Moline Tractor Show.

There are other signs of wellness and success. We would all do well to look around and see the positive activity. According to several notable social pundits, what we need now more than ever before is more confidence that our economy is basically healthy and capable of becoming stronger. During this time of year, as all the schools are starting a new year with a positive focus on improving the lives of our children, so should we make a resolution to seek positive outcomes from all our efforts.