

January 2023

Newsletter

From The Executive Director

*"What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."*

~Jane Goodall



~The Inspiration by Hitavada

The pressures of life can sometimes have us living in a vacuum of repetition and routine.

We have multiple commitments to others and ourselves that we know are in our best interest but can start to feel obligatory and mindless.

Sometimes, we would benefit from allowing our creative mind to take over.

Maybe we haven't stopped to listen to our favorite music from the past or allowed ourselves to explore new music we've never heard before.

Maybe we need to pick up the paint brush, pencil, tools, or instrument we have set down and not made time for in a while.

Maybe we need to meet new people, go new places or think new thoughts.

We may find that a sudden brilliant, creative, or timely idea comes to us in a flash of mental stimulation.

Inspiration can come out of the silence of deep thought or in an instant of divine influence.

Allow inspiration into your life-you never know where it may lead.

WCEDP EVENTS



**2022 Has Been An Exciting Year For WCEDP
& We Want To Celebrate With You!**
WCEDP Annual Meeting Presents:
Award Winners & Keynote Speaker
Joe Nayquonabe Jr., CEO of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures.



January 20, 2023 - 7:30 - 10:00am
FREE
Wright County Government Center
3650 Braddock Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

Joe Nayquonabe, Jr. is an American Indian business professional that has spent his career re-imagining and reinventing how American Indian tribal economies grow and prosper.



Thank you to our Sponsors!



Congratulations to this year's award winners!

2022 Outstanding Citizen of Wright County – Michelle Harwood
2022 Outstanding WCEDP Partner – Ayars & Ayars Inc.
2022 Outstanding Start-Up Entrepreneur – Big Bore BBQ
2022 High Economic Vitality Business – Die Technology Inc.

We are looking for sponsors to assist in making our Annual Meeting one to remember!

Sponsorships will go toward the attendee's gift, breakfast, and venue expenses

Become a Sponsor for this Great Event!

Platinum Sponsor: \$1000

Gold Sponsor: \$500

Silver Sponsor: \$250

Supporting Sponsor: Any amount

Sponsors will be shared via Social Media, all print marketing, and a banner at the event

Email Missy Meidinger today if you would like to sponsor this event

missym@wrightpartnership.org

WCEDP EVENTS CONTINUED



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REGISTER NOW!

FREE REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Retaining Rural Businesses

WITH BUSINESS SUCCESSION AND TRANSITION

When: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9

Where: Wright County Government Center, Buffalo

Community leaders, economic developers and
business support professionals:

Register for Retaining Rural Businesses with Business Succession and Transition. This free Feb. 9 Workshop is delivered by the University of Minnesota Extension and held in collaboration with the Wright County Economic Development Partnership.

Share this information with anyone who may find this workshop helpful. Register at ifound.org/economy/workshops/

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dura Supreme (Wright County's Largest Private Employer): Celebrated the 30th Anniversary of Kids Switch Day in November. What started out as a Cub Scout project in the early 1990s is now a highly anticipated event every November at Dura Supreme Cabinetry. For the past thirty years every employee that has a fifth grader in their life is invited to bring them to Dura Supreme's annual Kids Switch Day event.



Read more on the Dura Supreme Blog!

<https://www.durasupreme.com/.../kids-switch-day-dura-supreme>

Enterprise Academy Classes Begin in February



Have a great business idea? Want to start or grow your business? Enterprise Academy classes begin in February.

Apply now or share this opportunity with a friend! Classes begin in February.

Enterprise Academy students learn from business experts and receive assistance in developing a business plan. Classes are two hours a week for 12 weeks and provide instruction in basic business principles. Graduates then receive ongoing, personalized, one-on-one support and access to microlending.

Those chosen for the class will be asked to pay \$100 as a self-investment in building their business. Scholarships to cover the cost are available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.



Property Highlights

- +Potential for high density residential, mixed-use, commercial, entertainment, hospitality
- +Great access to I-94 via Labeaux Ave
- +Growing residential and commercial corridor
- +Pro Business city
- +Adjacent to Albertville Premium Outlets
- +Zoned Special Business District - B-2A
- +Independent School District 728 – Elk River/Otsego/Rogers/Zimmerman
- +PID #101-113-000010



DEED Small Business Hub

The State of MN developed a webpage that is a one stop shop for small businesses. Whether looking to start, expand, get financial help to open a business or to train existing workers on new technology, the resources are all there!

Check it out here:

PARTNER NEWS



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- 3

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Are You A WCEDP Partner?**

Do You Have News To Share?

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and we will share your news
too!**

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Résumé and Job Search Workshop

Build Your Job Search Skills

Learn strategies to assist you in
developing a successful job search

**Monday,
January 16, 2023**

6:00 pm

Location:

Buffalo Public Library
18 NW Lake Blvd.
Buffalo, MN

Pre-registration requested
but not required.

Call 612.895.7026

Instructor: David Miller



Topics will include:

- Résumé creation
- Interviewing
- Understanding the company and researching the employer
- Reviewing commonly asked questions and how to answer them

Questions
about CMJTS:
email
info@cmjts.org

Upon request alternate formats can be provided.

Contact: David Miller

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WELCOME NEW BUSINESS!

Laurel's Naturals joins downtown



Laurel O'Neil, left, owns Laurel's Naturals and operates it with partner Liz Studeman, right. The gift shop full of vintage collectables and homemade crafts including candles, is located on the east corner of Birch Avenue and Division Street in downtown Maple Lake.

Photo by Brenda Erdahl

By Brenda Erdahl

Maple Lake's downtown continues to grow with the addition of a new novelty store called Laurel's Naturals.

Located next to Clover Meadow Bakery in the old St. Patrick's Books and Gifts space, Laurel's Naturals is the spot to shop whether you are looking for a unique, hand-crafted gift for yourself or someone else.

Owner Laurel O'Neil a candle maker and all around crafter - has teamed up with Liz Studeman , a collector who's tastes run toward vintage and estate jewelry.

Together, with the help of other local artists, they have put together an eclectic collection of gifts that is sure to please a variety of tastes.

If you are ever running late to a party and need a last-minute gift – from crocheted gnomes to bath salts and candle sprays - O'Neil guarantees, you'll find something to fit the bill at Laurel's Naturals.

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