

Resource Fair set for small businesses, entrepreneurs

Small-business owners, entrepreneurs and those contemplating starting a business are encouraged to attend the Small Business Resource Fair from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 30 at the DeKalb County Community Outreach Building, 2500 N. Annie Glidden Road in DeKalb.

The Small Business Resource Fair will feature small-business counselors, bankers and business educators available for networking and consultation at trade show booths. Tours of the DeKalb County Business Incubator will be provided. Attendees are welcome to attend the entire event or stop by for as long as they can. There is no charge to attend.

Three panel discussions, scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., will address doing business with governments and institutions, marketing and business finance.

The "ABC's of Contracting" will be addressed by Rita Haake of the Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center at the College of DuPage, and "Contracting with NIU" will be presented by Antoinette Parker, director of procurement services and contract management at NIU.

"Competing in a Crowded Market" will be presented by Harriet Parker of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Waubensee Communi-



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"Access to Capital" will be addressed by a panel of local bankers including First Midwest Bank, First National Bank, Heartland Bank, Old Second National Bank and Resource Bank.

The Small Business Resource Fair is sponsored by the DeKalb County Small Business Resource Network, a coalition of small-business assistance providers representing chamber and economic development organizations, local government and higher educational institutions.

The network includes DeKalb County government; the cities of DeKalb, Genoa and Sycamore; Northern Illinois University; Kishwaukee College; Illinois Small Business Development Center at Waubensee Community College; Fox Valley SCORE; NIU EIGERlab; the DeKalb, Sycamore, Genoa Area, Sandwich Area and Greater Kirkland Area chambers of commerce; the Waterman Shabbona and Hinckley business associations; the Sandwich Economic Development Corp.; and the DeKalb County Eco-

nomics Development Corp.

Attendees may register at www.dekalbcounty.org/smallbusiness. For information, contact Jolene Willis, economic development coordinator, DeKalb County government, at jswillis@dekalbcounty.org or call 815-787-8999.

3M executive to headline DCEDC annual dinner

The DCEDC is pleased to announce Jason Dickinson, director of supply chain operations for 3M Corp., as the keynote speaker for its 2018 annual Dinner and State of the County program. The event will begin at 5 p.m. Oct. 4 at Faranda's Banquet Center in DeKalb, with the Exhibitor Showcase and high-level networking reception.

As director of supply chain operations, Dickinson is responsible for leading distribution, transportation and trade compliance functions across 3M's global supply chains. 3M Corp. is a leader in the development and manufacture of a diverse product portfolio that serves the industrial, safety and graphics, health care, electronics and energy, and consumer market segments.

3M is one of the largest private-sector employers in DeKalb County. The company began operations in 1985 on

Corporate Drive in the DeKalb South Industrial Park. Since then, the company has expanded six times, once on Corporate Drive, twice in the Peace Road Corporate Center and three times in Park 88.

Now occupying 2½ million square feet of space, DeKalb operations have grown to be 3M's largest distribution campus in the world. The company receives thousands of 3M products from all regions of the world and ships to locations across North America, South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and some locations in Asia.

DCEDC's annual dinner is the largest member-sponsored event of the year. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available for a limited time to DCEDC members to highlight their organization's products and services.

In addition to the keynote presentation, the event highlights economic development accomplishments during the past year.

Information about event sponsorships and online reservations is available at www.dcedc.org/events or by contacting Karen Hoyle at 815-895-2711 or hoyle@dcedc.org.

• *Paul Borek is executive director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corp.*

Redeemed Home and Office Furniture Outlet celebrates 25th anniversary



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The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, board members and staff recently congratulated Redeemed Home and Office Furniture Outlet on its 25th anniversary. The business specializes in new and used home and office furniture. The showroom of more than 25,000 square feet is at 1600 E. Lincoln Highway in DeKalb. For information, visit www.redeemedofficefurniture.com.

DeKalb Chamber congratulates Stewart Chiropractic on new location



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The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, board members and staff recently congratulated Stewart Chiropractic on its new, larger location at 2676 DeKalb Ave. in Sycamore. Dr. Nathan Stewart works with everyone from babies to adults. For information, visit www.stewartfamilychiropracticdekalb.com.



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