

MARKETPLACE

NAPA helps YMCA provide scholarships



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The Kishwaukee Family YMCA received a \$1,000 donation from NAPA Auto Dealers to support scholarships for children in need to attend YMCA summer day camp. Each month, the NAPA Dealer group selects a charity to receive 10 percent of the proceeds from oil changes. NAPA has provided support for the Y's summer camp every year since 2007. This financial support has given more than 118 children the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive by attending YMCA summer day camp.

Century 21 Elsner joins Century 21 Affiliated

DAILY CHRONICLE

DeKALB – Century 21 Affiliated has acquired Century 21 Elsner in DeKalb. The company will continue to operate under the Century 21 Affiliated name and specialize in residential and commercial property sales.

“We are thrilled to have broker Sue Elsner and her office join Century 21 Affiliated,” Tom Bretz, Chicago president of Century 21 Affiliated, said in a news release.

“As respected and innovated real estate brokerage companies in their own right, the coming together of these companies means a heightened level of service for area homebuyers, sellers and owners.”

Century 21 Elsner Realty owner

Sue Elsner will be staying on as an agent with the 16 additional real estate professionals, while Century 21 Affiliated's Alison Nieto will step in as team leader.

“We wanted to keep the brokerage within the Century 21 brand, but be a part of something bigger with an emphasis on technology, training and network opportunities – and Century 21 Affiliated is just that,” Elsner said in the release.

Century 21 Affiliated opened multiple new offices in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Florida, and has continually held the Century 21 record for the most transactions by a single Century 21 company – 20,039-plus units in 2017.

LOCAL BRIEF

Bank ranks in ag lending

SYCAMORE – First State Bank has been ranked as one of the top ag lenders in the country.

Each year, the Independent Community Bankers of America calculates the top community bank loan producers in the agricultural, commercial and consumer categories, broken down by asset size. First State Bank has been named as 14th in the country and first in Illinois in ag lending, as a percentage of assets, for \$1

billion or larger asset size banks.

Timothy J. McConville, president and CEO of the company, said in a news release, “I believe the achievement is due to many factors. We have an incredible team of lenders that have dealt with customers for several generations. The personal customer service they provide, along with their vast lending knowledge, makes a win-win for us and for the success of our farming community.”

– Daily Chronicle

Annual dinner features 3M supply chain executive

Did you know that DeKalb is the hub for significant inbound and outbound shipments of industrial and consumer products throughout the world?

At the DeKalb County Economic Development Corp.'s 2018 annual dinner, Jason Dickinson, director of supply chain operations for 3M Corporation, will describe how the global science 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 parts of Asia.

As director of supply chain operations, Dickinson is responsible for leading distribution, transportation and trade compliance functions across 3M's vast global supply chains. 3M Corporation is a leader in the development and manufacturing 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 opened operations in 1985 on Corporate Drive in DeKalb's South Industrial Park. Since then, the company has expanded six times.

Now occupying 2½ million square feet of space, DeKalb operations have grown to be 3M's largest distribution campus in the world.

In addition to the keynote presentation, the event highlights economic development accomplishments during the past year in the annual State of the County presentation.

The 2018 DCEDC Annual Dinner will be Oct. 4 at Faranda's Banquet Center in DeKalb. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with our Exhibitor Showcase and high-level networking reception, followed by dinner and presentations, concluding at about 8:30 p.m.

Online reservations are available through Sept. 28 at dcedc.org/events or by contacting Karen Hoyle at 815-895-2711 or hoyle@dcedc.org.

International Manufacturing Technology Show

So, do you want to know about the latest innovations in technology? What the future of manufacturing looks like? Would you like to build your own rocket and compete against other builders? Then the International Manufacturing Technology Show is the place to be.

Hosted every other year at McCormick Place in Chicago, there are 1.4 million square feet of booths, displays



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and hands-on demonstrations for anyone involved in manufacturing and students who think they would like to investigate manufacturing as a career.

Tuesday, students from area schools are attending the Student Smartforce Summit at IMTS to get a glimpse of what international manufacturing will look like in the future.

Wednesday, the DCEDC is partnering in a reception with Gov. Bruce Rauner and Intersect Illinois for C-level executives from companies attending the show.

The show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sept. 15. So, if your student missed the opportunity or you have an interest, visit www.imts.com and plan a trip to McCormick Place.

Heavy Metal Tour scheduled

Speaking of trips, the sixth annual Heavy Metal Tour is taking shape. Scheduled for Oct. 19, each participating high school will visit two businesses and then converge on Kishwaukee College for a pizza lunch and a tour of the Career Technology Wing.

This event, in conjunction with Manufacturing Day, features tours at 3M, CST, Dawn Equipment, Ideal Industries and Upstaging. The objective of the tour is to expose students to careers in manufacturing, engineering, marketing, accounting, machine operation, management, fabrication and the career pathways typically not discovered by students.

Current data from Deloitte projects a need for 3 million manufacturing technicians by 2025; however, that same report reveals that as many as 2 million of those jobs will go unfulfilled.

If you know a student who wants to explore creating or building things through manufacturing and technology, sign-up lists and permission slips are available in the guidance offices of area high schools for this event.

Student participation in both the IMTS show and the Heavy Metal Tour is coordinated by Gene Fogle, workforce development coordinator for the DeKalb Ogle Workforce Development Consortium.

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