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Community Enthusiasm Spurs Business

Communities can grow themselves by inviting the neighboring businesses to town. That is exactly what happened when the Pine River Backus School District and Cass County Economic Development Corporation teamed up to work with Central Lakes College (CLC) in Brainerd. That effort is culminating with a Ribbon Cutting Event on Tuesday, October 18th at 3:00 PM and the public is invited to attend.

The CLC Outreach Site and Community Computer Center are co-located at the former PRB District Offices at 908 1st Street in Pine River. The ribbon cutting will take place at this site.

On hand to celebrate will be Linda Nickell, Director of the TDF Foundation in Washington, DC. This organization provided funding to the Cass County EDC to start a community computer lab at the site. Kelly McCalla, CLC Dean of General Education, will be speaking about opportunities CLC will bring to residents at that site.

Providing local resources is a vital part of economic development. The Cass County EDC secured funding from Hunt Utility Group/Happy Dancing Turtle, the Initiative Foundation and TDF Foundation to coordinate the effort. Local resources from PRB Schools and the CCEDC also contributed.

The Cass County EDC is a community non-profit corporation with the mission to "Improve the business environment of Cass County by encouraging a strong, diverse and sustainable economy and to build better relationships between business, government agencies and local communities."

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