



Evelands, others are important manufacturers

Every county strives to create a high standard of living, quality jobs and a bright future for its children. Most economic developers will agree that a key element to economic success is creating and supporting a strong manufacturing sector.

Why is manufacturing so key to our economic success? Manufacturing companies employ almost one out of every seven workers in Minnesota. Manufacturing employees earn about 17 percent more than other Minnesota private sector employees.

Almost two supporting jobs are created by every manufacturing job, according to the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development.

It is often thought that manufacturing businesses locate in large cities. Actually 91 percent of manufacturing firms are located in rural Minnesota communities, like Cass County.

Oct. 20-24 was Minnesota Manufacturing Week and the Cass County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) honored three local manufacturing businesses for their commitment to creating quality jobs in Cass County.

Evelands, Inc. of Backus was presented with a commemorative certificate from Governor Pawlenty on Thursday, Oct. 23 at their site in Backus. Evelands, Inc, owned by Kent Eveland, has 45 employees designing, manufacturing and selling Scamp travel trailers in Backus. The employees in their manufacturing facility contribute to the gross domestic product and enjoy the high quality environment of a rural Minnesota community.

The Cass County EDC is committed to helping manufacturing businesses locate, expand or start operations in Cass County. The EDC worked with Eveland's during 2006, to help rebuild the facility after the fire. Scamp Trailers are known worldwide and they have been manufactured in Backus for 36 years.

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