

## **Cass EDC offers seminars for new, existing businesses**

The Cass County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will be providing free educational seminars to encourage entrepreneurship in Cass County. Seminars are planned in Backus, Cass Lake and Pine River to assist with business needs.

A business planning seminar, "Business Basics," will be presented in Backus Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cass County Land Department building. The session will assist the potential business owner through the process of developing a new business project, from the initial business structure to the required government filings and financing. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and locate other helpful resources.

A "Business Basics" seminar will also be presented in Cass Lake at the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Office March 30 and will run from 5 to 7 p.m. This seminar is in partnership with the Leech Lake Band and

will cover the same topics listed above.

A "Managing Your Cash Flow" seminar will be presented in Pine River March 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pine River Chamber of Commerce. This seminar is for existing businesses interested in better maximizing their revenue in tough economic times.

Participants are asked to bring two years of financial statements so we can help them explore ways to better maximize revenues and minimize expenses. The seminar is in partnership with the Pine River chamber of Commerce.

Contact the Cass County EDC, (218) 947-7523, for additional information.

These sessions and follow-up meetings are provided at no cost, due to a grant from USDA.

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