

SWEDA Newsletter ~ Quarter 1, 2008

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NELCO TRAINING INC

Below are the new dates for the remaining training classes utilizing KY WINS funding. Please refer to the contact information at the bottom if you are interested in enrolling in any of these classes.

NELCO Training, Inc.

KY WINS Classes -- 2008

Course Title	Start Date	End Date	Pattern	Times	Hours	Instructor	Location	Enrollment Deadline
PLC I	4/22/2008	5/15/2008	TR	4 - 8 pm	32	Doug Brockman	ECTC	4/4/2008
Lean Mfg. Simulation	5/14/2008	5/14/2008	W	8 am - 3 pm	6	MCC	Opera House	4/25/2008
Workplace Japanese	5/27/2008	6/26/2008	TR	5 - 7 pm	20	Kaz Probst	Johnan	5/16/2008
PLC II	6/2/2008	6/25/2008	MW	4 - 8 pm	32	Doug Brockman	ECTC	5/23/2008
NEC Code Update	6/6/2008	6/27/2008	F	10 am - 12 pm	8	Doug Brockman	Bardstown	5/23/2008
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Updated: 3/24/08

Legend: M=Monday
W=Wednesday
F=Friday
T=Tuesday
R=Thursday

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NELCO Training (continued)

In addition to these classes, NELCO Director Stan Carton is trying to develop a "Lean for Healthcare" simulation. If you are in the healthcare industry and are interested in a healthcare simulation, please contact Stan Carton at 502-232-0478.

For enrollment in any of the courses listed above, contact:

Cathy Riggs
Workforce Development Liaison
ECTC
Email: cathyl.riggs@kctcs.edu

Ribbon Cutting Held at Snappy Tomato Pizza

The Springfield-Washington County Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting at Snappy Tomato Pizza in Springfield to celebrate their Grand Opening. Franchise owners Len and Susan Spalding of Springfield welcomed guests. Free samples of pizza were given to everyone in attendance and certainly enjoyed by all. Snappy Tomato Pizza is located at 111 East Main Street, Springfield, KY 40069. Dine-in or delivery available. Call 859-336-9888.

www.snappytomato.com



Hal B. Goode Showcases Springfield and Washington County at MD&M Trade Show in Anaheim, CA

E.ON U.S. Economic Development Team hosted an exhibit at the Medical, Design & Manufacturing Show in Anaheim, CA. SWEDA Executive Director Hal B. Goode attended the event. According to Goode, "This is the West Coast's largest event for advanced design and manufacturing. Without groups like E-ON Electric, it would be impossible for communities our size to market in such a venue."



\$18,000 Scholarship Awarded to Hal Goode of Washington County, Ky.



By Vaughan Fielder
Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues

LEXINGTON, Ky., (March 14, 2008) - Hal Goode of Washington County, Ky. has been awarded a fellowship by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture to take part in the third class of the Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute.

Hal Goode will receive a fellowship in the amount of \$18,000 in the form of eight seminars lasting two to three days in length and a week long study-tour throughout the Western United States. Goode intends to bring what he has learned in the seminars back into his community.

“I work daily in economic development and this class will allow me each day to use the training to stimulate the community’s imagination concerning entrepreneurship. This is a great opportunity to get to know others and forming a supportive network for entrepreneurial coaching,” Goode said.

The Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute was formed in response to the transitions in rural communities. “If current self-employment trends continue one rural worker will be self-employed for every three salaried workers by the year 2015, said Ron Hustedde, Director of the Institute. Fellows will explore ways to help tobacco-dependent communities throughout South Central Kentucky.

“The KECI has been a benefit to network and discuss entrepreneurial strategy for our community. Growing up on a farm has allowed me to experience being an entrepreneur and this program has all the right tools to equip us to help our communities,” Goode said.

The Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute is funded by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and administered University of Kentucky College of Agriculture’s Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. More information about the Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute can be found online at: www.uky.edu/AG/CLD/KECI. Please direct questions to Ron Hustedde, Program Director, at (859) 257-3186 or Katie Ellis, Program Coordinator, at (859) 227-0911.

Hal Goode may be reached at: 859-336-9426 or halsweda@bellsouth.net

Hamilton Simms Honored During Annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni

Washington County Attorney Hamilton Simms was honored recently at the annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni held at the Galt House in Louisville. Mr. Simms was one of six Catholic School Alumni honored at the event which benefits the Catholic Education foundation and provides tuition assistance and grants for Catholic schools. Hamilton and his wife Elaine have six children; all of whom attended St. Dominic, while Hamilton himself attended St. Dominic School in Springfield, St. Joe Prep in Bardstown and Bellarmine University. Simms also serves as legal council for SWEDA. Hamilton, Springfield and Washington County congratulate you on this prestigious honor.

Partners in Education

*Photo by: Jeff Moreland, Editor/General Manager
Article courtesy of The Springfield Sun*

Representatives of the Washington County School Board gathered with officials from Toyotomi America Corporation Monday morning as an effort by the school board to express its appreciation of contributions to the community by Toyotomi America in Springfield and Washington County.

Toyotomi works with the public schools to provide group tours and other classroom activities. Toyotomi donated \$10,000 for extracurricular activities to the school system in 2007 and plans to donate that amount again in 2008.



Pictured above are Jim Rau, K. Sato, Y. Ushiro and M. Kondo. They were joined by Superintendent of Washington County Schools Larry Graves, board member Nora Niece, interim superintendent Sonny Fentress, and Hal Goode, executive director of Springfield-Washington County Economic Development Authority.

A Day in Career & Technical Education

During February, freshmen had the opportunity to learn more about career and technical education by visiting the Marion County Area Technology Center (MCATC). The visit was to inform the students of course opportunities available from the Area Technology Center. Following the MCATC tour, students then had a taste of the real world by visiting local industries. Industries that provided tours included Akebono of North America, Inoac, Barber Cabinets, and Alltech.

During the MCATC tour, students took part in hands-on activities related to health sciences, information technology, Machine tool technology, carpentry, automotive technology, and welding technology. The ATC courses will be available for the students during their sophomore through senior years in high school. Students can also receive dual-credit while taking the high school course. Dual-credit is when a student receives high school and college credit for one course. If a student chooses to participate in dual-credit at the ATC, the course is free of charge.

Following the classroom tours, students were provided lunch courtesy of the Springfield/Washington Economic Development Authority (SWEDA). Special thanks to SWEDA and local industries for supporting the event!

Picture: Pictured below is Marion County ATC student, Corey Mattingly, showing computer hardware during the Washington County visit.



Director's Report

After finishing an exciting 2007 with expansions at Inoac Automotive and Toyotomi and with the announcement of Ecofin; the worlds first bio-diesel refinery, we were hit with the reality of our national economy by the announcement of Akebono relocating their Springfield facility to Glasgow, Kentucky. SWEDA started immediately by focusing on the employees of Akebono and their job opportunities with Springfield and Washington County. SWEDA also began to market the building worldwide to find a fit for that facility. Information on Akebono-Springfield can be found on our website at www.sweda.org.

In recruiting for the first quarter of 2007, SWEDA attended consultant meetings in Atlanta and regional consultant meetings with both E-ON Electric and Salt River R.E.C.C. SWEDA also worked the Medical Design and Manufacturing show with E-On Electric and met several allied health manufacturers and some who are looking for Central U.S. presence. Our retention efforts will continue with our Industrial Retention Tour and we still see growth from existing manufacturers. Workforce development activity from SWEDA will include the Springfield Branch of Elizabethtown Community & Technical College to break ground in April and with that construction will begin the focus on post-secondary education for our manufacturers in the region. Also, NELCO has planned several training opportunities from welding classes to lean manufacturing.

Director's Report (continued)

We wish Larry Graves, our Superintendent, all the best. Larry recently retired due to ill health and has moved to Lexington. SWEDA would like to thank Larry for his role in education in Springfield and Washington County. You will remain in our prayers Larry.

Optimism and opportunities are what we see for our community as we move into the second quarter and this is a community that works well together. It is a key to our success. Thank you again for your support and please contact our office if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Hal B. Goode