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Thursday, March 22 from 6-7 p.m.

Excel 2013:
Wednesday, April 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Digital Photography
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DACC receives grant to boost county manufacturing industry

Vermilion County's manufacturing industry is getting a big boost thanks to a \$360,000 federal training grant.

On March 6, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity notified Danville Area Community College of the grant award to implement the Industrial Career Pathways program. Funds will provide short-term training opportunities for up to 75 unemployed and incumbent manufacturing workers.

DACC Executive Director Brian Hensgen made the successful grant application to support the college's management of the American Job Center. He says, "The intent is to build a sustainable, competency-based program to support local manufacturers. We're helping local industry and we're helping train people for good jobs. The training will be customized according to the unique needs of the manufacturing companies throughout the region."

The ICP program provides a robust 40 hour mechanical skills curriculum, an OSHA 10 hour general industry credential and can be customized further to include lean manufacturing and basic communication skills.

Participants who complete the ICP program not only achieve a score for mechanical troubleshooting ability but also earn the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) to verify they possess the essential skills needed for a career in manufacturing.

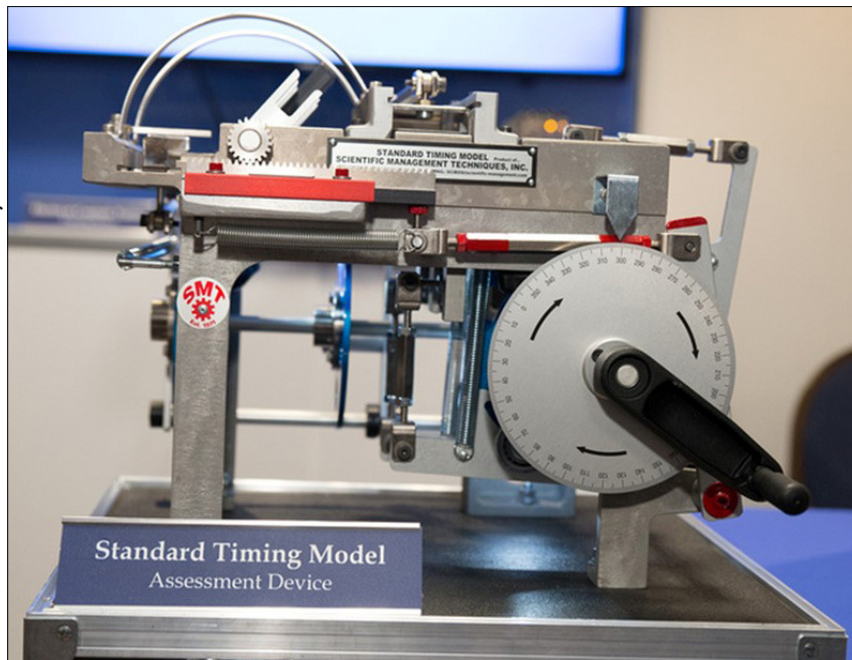


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DACC's \$360,000 federal Industrial Career Pathways grant will purchase a Standard Timing Model like this, which will assess an individual's skills at troubleshooting mechanical problems.

Part of the funding for the Industrial Career Pathways grant goes toward the purchase of training modules and specialized equipment, such as an assessment machine called a "Standard Timing Model."

Developed by New Hampshire-based Scientific Management Techniques, this machine can assess the aptitude of prospective employees and train current employees. The SMT-built model identifies many mechanical skills and an individual's ability to troubleshoot mechanical problems that they may encounter.

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Vote **NO** on the School Facilities Sales Tax on March 20.

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Briefly

Baseball signups continue

Hoopeston youth baseball signups for boys ages 5-15 will be held 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St. This includes leagues from t-ball to Pony League.

Meeting on sales tax referendum

An informational meeting on the proposed one percent school facilities sales tax will be held at 7 p.m. March 14 at Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn. School board and county representatives will explain where the money will go, what is in the proposal and how it will affect the school district.

For more information please visit thepowerofapenny.wordpress.com or call Russ Leigh at (217) 283-9336.

Breast cancer support meeting

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet

Manufacturing continued from other side

Corporate Education Director Stephanie Yates sees the value of the program for employers that DACC supports with customized business training. "The SMT can serve as an assessment tool used to identify mechanical skills and competencies for employees in manufacturing companies, including maintenance professionals, machine operators, electro-mechanical personnel, assemblers and technicians. There are varying degrees of assessment difficulty depending on the manufacturing company's special needs. The program is 100-percent customizable."

Of the 75 unemployed and incumbent workers the grant requires DACC to assess and train, at least fifty will be eligible to receive federal funding as dislocated workers or those living in poverty. The other 25 will be currently employed workers.

Since the grant funds equipment and training models for the College, DACC will be able to sustain the program well beyond the three-year life of the grant.

DACC plans to launch the program by the summer. Over the next few weeks, the College will bring in SMT trainers to provide demonstrations for regional manufacturers and the public.

Weather

Sunny today. High 43. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 28. Tomorrow, sunny. High 46, low 26.

at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes. All past and present breast cancer survivors are welcome. For more information, call Pat Foster at (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9828.

Softball registration

Hoopeston Girls Softball registration will be held from noon-3 p.m. March 24-25 at Hoopeston City Hall. Instructional League is for girls ages 5-7; Minor League ages 8-10 and Major League, ages 11-14. All ages are as of December 31, 2017.

Bennett to host utility bill clinic

State Rep. Tom Bennett R-106) will host a Citizens Utility Board (CUB) utility bill clinic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, March 19 at Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St.

Attendees may bring gas, landline phone and electric bills for one-on-one consultation with CUB representatives.

Reserve a space at www.repbennett.com or call (815) 432-0106.

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