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BRPC Celebrates 50th Anniversary with an Open House



Boonslick Regional Planning Commission celebrated its 50th anniversary with an open house on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Information about the organization's creation and pictures of past anniversaries, regional partners, and staff members were displayed. The many projects and programs with which BRPC has been involved in over the years were also featured. Those attending enjoyed the opportunity to see old friends and reminisce.

A sincere thank you to our membership and partners for your support of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission's mission to improve the quality of life in Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties. BRPC will continue celebrating this milestone throughout the year and conclude with a special video at its annual meeting in December.

A special thanks to Mary Anne Kemper and her family for the beautiful floral arrangement they sent for the occasion. Charles (Pheeze) Kemper, former mayor of Troy, Missouri, served as the chairman of BRPC for many years. He passed away in March 2017. Mrs. Kemper was not able to attend the open house, but shared the following comments:

Congratulations on 50 years of service to our region. Boonslick has been innovative in new services as well as developing creative approaches to older community needs and services. Pheeze was always a champion of Boonslick and we know he would be extremely proud of you today and into the future.

Sincerely— Mary Anne Kemper, Tim Kemper & Nann Kemper Green



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Director's Update



Summer is here, and so too are job opportunities in the Boonslick Region. We collaborated with the NEMO Workforce Development Board and the Missouri Division of Workforce Development to secure grant funding for a new business. This funding is part of an apprenticeship program through the U.S. Department of Labor. Staff members have dedicated many hours to convening partner agencies and other state agencies to ensure the right parties are

involved and participating together to move the project forward.

BRPC has celebrated official confirmation of Certified Work Ready Community status for Warren County and Lincoln County. We look forward to utilizing this designation for the counties and the region as a whole. Montgomery County has a few final tasks to complete for its certification.

We are excited that BRPC will continue its work with the NEMO Workforce Development Board for the Youth programs as well as Adult and Dislocated Workers. Congratulations to the Job Center staff on their efforts!

BRPC staff continue to provide assistance to communities on projects including comprehensive and transportation planning, GIS mapping, sales tax initiatives, wastewater, solid waste, and community facility projects. Future projects include revolving loan fund, large-scale infrastructure grants, and mobility management advancement.

BRPC is here for you. Please don't hesitate to contact the office at (636) 456-3473 or email cegg@boonslick.org. The next BRPC general membership meeting will be June 25, and the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is August 16.

Warren County Celebrates its Designation as a Certified Work Ready Community



Mardy Leathers (left) presents proclamation to Warren County Commissioners Roger R. Mauzy, Sr., Hubert Kluesner, and Dan Hampson.

Warren County celebrated its designation as a Certified Work Ready Community (CWRC) on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The CWRC designation is the result of a unified effort by workforce development professionals—along with business, education, local government, and community leaders—to meet the economic development needs of Warren County. Mardy Leathers, Director of the Division of Workforce Development – Missouri Department of Economic Development, served as guest speaker for the event. He presented Warren County officials with a proclamation from the Governor's office.

BRPC Business Outreach Coordinator JoAnn Toerper thanked the many individuals who worked to achieve the CWRC designation for Warren County. Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Jan Olearnick, who served as the county's team leader, presented certificates to local employers supporting the initiative. Brian Crouse from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry assisted in presenting these certificates. Being a designated Certified Work Ready Community will strengthen Warren County's ability to serve existing employers and attract new businesses.



Congratulations on this achievement!

Tight 360 Apprenticeship Program



Tight 360 Tool & Machine, LLC, located in Jonesburg, Missouri indicated a need for skilled workers including welders, welding fabricators, machinists, CNC programmers, maintenance machinists, and die designers. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission provided outreach which resulted in an exciting opportunity for the business and the region's workforce.

The Department of Labor worked with Tight 360 to establish an apprenticeship program in which newly-hired employees will learn about advanced manufacturing in all the areas for which the business needs skilled applicants. These employees will participate in the On-the-Job Training program through the Missouri Job Center-Warrenton. Up to 50% of the employees' wages will be reimbursed to the employer through this program. NEMO Workforce Development Board Director

Diane Simbro partnered with BRPC to secure grant funds from the Division of Workforce Development for equipment for the business, which plans to create fourteen jobs. Tight 360 Tool & Machine will work to make a difference in the lives of disabled veterans by providing them with five apprenticeship choices in the advanced manufacturing industry.

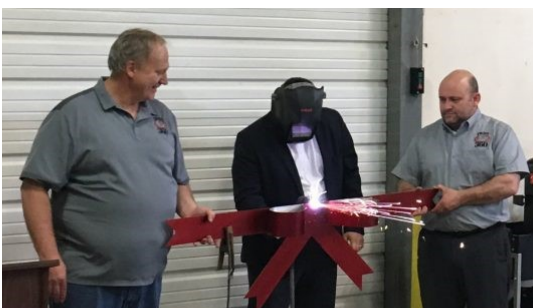


*City of Jonesburg Mayor
Robert Sellenriek*

A ribbon cutting to celebrate the apprenticeship program was held on May 22, 2018. Congratulations to all on this successful collaboration which will help both employers and job seekers in the region!



From left: Wade Johnson and Neil Perry from the U.S. DOL, Tight 360 co-owners Stacy Camden and Mike McGhee, BRPC Business Outreach Coordinator JoAnn Toerper, and Missouri Dept. of Economic Development Director Rob Dixon.



Missouri Dept. of Economic Development Director Rob Dixon cuts the special ribbon prepared by Tight 360 co-owners Mike McGhee (left) and Stacy Camden (right) with a plasma cutter.

SUPPORTING VETERANS

"Tight 360" is a military term. When on patrol, a squad forms a circle, with weapons pointed out to protect their center. The co-owners of Tight 360 Tool & Machine, LLC are dedicated to placing veterans at the center of their operations. They want to give veterans—particularly those who are disabled—an opportunity to receive training so that they can find quality jobs.

Check out more photos and a video highlighting the ribbon cutting ceremony on <http://boonslick.org> !

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Transportation Planning



The Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met on May 24, 2018. Regional transportation needs were discussed with representatives from the three counties BRPC serves. Thirteen new needs were submitted for this year, including 5 projects in Lincoln County, 1 in Montgomery County, and 7 in Warren County. TAC members will review and prioritize the needs at the August meeting.

The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) transportation grants solicitation will make \$1.5 billion available to surface transportation projects. FY 2018 BUILD transportation grants are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. BUILD funding can support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation. U.S. DOT plans to award a greater share of BUILD transportation funding to projects located in rural areas that align well with the merit criteria than to those in urban areas.

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

June

- 4 Randstad Hiring Event, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- 12 Department of Corrections Hiring Event, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- 20 Community Agencies in Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 BRPC Executive Board work session
- 25 BRPC General Membership meeting, Noon
- 28 Department of Corrections Hiring Event, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

July

- 4 BRPC closed in observance of Independence Day
- 18 Community Agencies in Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Job Center Workshop Calendar

The Missouri Job Center—Warrenton offers free workshops for job seekers each month. Please contact us at (636) 456-9467 if you are interested.

