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The annual **Careers on Wheels** program for Door & Kewaunee County second, third and fourth grade students will be held on **Thursday, April 17**, 8:15-11:15am at the Sawyer Park parking lot (by the DNR station), 110 South Neenah Avenue, Sturgeon Bay. The goal of the event is to introduce young people to a variety of careers in which a vehicle or special equipment is required. Approximately 200 students will visit the stations and view the vehicles on a rotating basis throughout the morning. If you would like to volunteer for Careers on Wheels, please contact Janet Frick-Warecki at janet@doorcountybusiness.com or 920-743-3113 x200.

DKBEP is also pleased to

Packer Chairman Emeritus Bob Harlan to Keynote DCEDC Annual Meeting

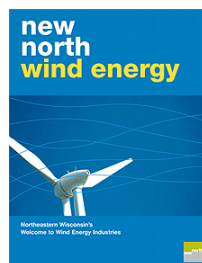
DCEDC is pleased to announce the details for our [annual investors meeting](#) and luncheon on **Tuesday, April 29**, at the Stone Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sturgeon Bay. The keynote speaker will be Green Bay Packers Chairman Emeritus Bob Harlan.

In addition to the keynote address by Harlan, the annual investors meeting will include the presentation of the Door County Industry of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. The luncheon meeting will also include the annual report to the community about the accomplishments of DCEDC during 2007.

The DCEDC annual investors meeting will start promptly at 12pm. A pre-luncheon reception with Bob Harlan will take place from 11:15 to 11:45am. Tickets for the April 29 luncheon are \$25 per person or \$225 for a table of ten. Tickets are available from the DCEDC office. For more information, please contact DCEDC at (920) 743-3113 or by email at janet@doorcountybusiness.com.

Telecommunications Improvements

In December, the Door County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the hiring of Access Engineering LLC to write and release a request for proposals from service providers for a **countywide fiber optics telecommunications** network. Access has requested details from companies interested in deploying a state-of-the-art fiber to the premises network that would dramatically improve the speed of information and data for County businesses and residents. The proposed network would help to advance the ability of existing businesses to grow and also provide an appealing lure for potential new business opportunities. Responses to the RFP are expected to be submitted to the County by an extended deadline of June 30, and to date at least five providers have shown strong interest in responding.



NEW North Wind Energy

NEW North, a regional economic development marketing agency based in the Fox Valley, has assembled a work group focused on the resources Northeast Wisconsin can offer the rapidly expanding **wind energy industry**. No other region in the Midwest offers the unique combination of advantages

announce its first annual [Door Kewaunee Business Education Golf Challenge](#), an event that promises to be both fun and beneficial to the community. The event will be held at The Orchards Golf Course in Egg Harbor on **Sunday, May 18**. Donny's Glidden Lodge Restaurant will cater the event, and American Transmission Company (ATC) and Dominion Energy share the Title Sponsorship role. Registration and free use of the driving range begins at 10:30am; shotgun start will be at noon. The event is unique due to the three-club scramble format. The day will end with a 19th Hole Social in the newly rebuilt Clubhouse at 5pm, including dinner, awards and prizes. Early registration is recommended. For more information, contact Tara LeClair at (920) 743-3113 ext. 205 or tara@doorcountybusiness.com.

available here, including superior supplier potential built upon a one hundred year old manufacturing tradition, an expanding economy, access to some of the nation's best wind resources, strong existing markets and excellent workforce and transportation assets. Over one hundred regional industries (vendor-suppliers) possess the production capacity to meet the needs of all component products required of wind energy industries. Three of those companies are **located in Door County**: N.E.W Industries, Inc., Shuttlelift Inc. and Just In Time Corporation. For more information, visit the [NEW North Wind Energy website](#).

Sustainability - Local

The first [Door County Sustainability Fair](#) will be held on **Sunday, April 20**, 12-5pm at Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay. The fair is intended to inspire county residents to envision a more sustainable future by promoting ideas for a sustainable society. The fair will include presentations on topics related to sustainability and feature over 20 local businesses and non-profit organizations that will display information about creating conditions for social, economic and environmental sustainability. There will also be local food vendors, door prizes, music, kite-making for kids, a guided nature walk of the Crossroads and other activities for all ages. This event is free and open to the public



Sustainability - Statewide

The Alliance for Sustainability is pleased to announce the upcoming [Wisconsin Sustainable Business Conference](#) set for April 24-25 at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. The conference will provide small business owners and managers the opportunity to learn about sustainable business practices, hear practical examples of what can be done within a business and leave with the ability to begin exploring their own goals and initiatives. Additionally, the conference will address the new and changing roles communities can play in setting the stage for a healthier, more sustainable local economy. For more information on the conference, email info@wisustainablebusiness.org or call the Alliance for Sustainability at 715-682-1189.

Keynote speakers will provide extensive combined experience in sustainable business and sustainable community development. John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics with University of Missouri, will discuss issues related to sustainable agriculture with an emphasis on the economics of sustainability. He has authored a number of books on these topics including *A Return to Common Sense* and *Sustainable Capitalism*. Bob Willard will deliver messages on the business values of corporate sustainability practices. His books include *The Sustainability Advantage* and *The NEXT Sustainability Wave*.

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