Mt. Carmel and White Co. CEO Classes Tour Innovation Pointe

The 2017-18 Mt. Carmel and White Co. CEO Classes traveled to the heart of downtown Evansville where they toured Innovation Pointe, a high-tech business incubator managed by the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville.

There, they heard from Josh Armstrong of the Downtown Alliance, as well as Doug Clayborn and Julie Foiz of the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC). The two classes listened while their hosts explained how a quarter billion dollars of development projects in early 2017 alone have been transforming the downtown area into a place where people want to work and live.

These projects, including the new Double Tree Hotel and the IU Medical School, are creating an entirely new feel to downtown Evansville; modern, urban and diversified.

To cap off the visit, Scott Wylie, a Carmi native, took the group on a walking tour of the downtown area, pointing out some of the new projects, some of which are now complete and some which are still works in progress. This tour demonstrated that there is something magical happening in Evansville. Development which begets further development, creating a synergy downtown which hasn’t existed in several generations. In fact, one might say, the future is brighter than it has ever been in the downtown area, which is a credit to political leaders and professionals working in concert to improve their city.
WVC Ag students recently toured the new Wabash Valley Service Company headquarters in Grayville. Representatives from Wabash Valley Service Company spoke with students about internship possibilities.

Once a year the Adult Education Program at Wabash Valley College hosts an Area Planning Council. The purpose of the IECC Adult Education Program is to create positive partnerships with local businesses, service agencies, schools, and the community at large to provide adult education and literacy services to eligible individuals. The College seeks feedback and ideas from local businesses and area partners to be able to provide the best Adult Education Program possible.

The Diesel Equipment Technology Program recently shared an all-new inside look into the Diesel Shop and lead instructors Scott Balding and Eric Scheller discussed making a diesel tech career a reality. Check out the video on the Program’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/wvcdiesel/.

The Wabash Valley College Community Choir will return to the stage to open this year’s Christmas Concert Showcase at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, in the Brubeck Theatre. Gary Hargett will guest direct this outstanding choral group which will begin the program with traditional seasonal favorites. Also to be featured will be a second-act performance by the Browne Sisters. This always-popular community Christmas performance of beautiful sacred and secular seasonal music is a concert the entire family will want to attend.

Tony Booth Concert Draws Large Crowd at Brubeck Theatre

Country music legend Tony Booth, joined by National Oldtime Music Hall of Fame fiddler and vocalist Dennis Stroughmatt, were welcomed by nearly 300 people in the Brubeck Theatre for their recent concert on October 24, proving there is definitely a market for classic country music in our service area. Concert-goers attended from the Tri-State region, including: Hoopeston, Peoria, Marshall, Palestine, Effingham, Mount Vernon, western Kentucky (Cadiz and Owensboro) and southern Indiana (Evansville, Jasper and Vincennes).

With few legends from the “Golden Age of Country Music” still traveling and performing today, the audience was in for a real treat with such legendary performer, Tony Booth, who rarely leaves Texas to perform the traditional Honky-tonk and Western Swing music that was a staple of the Grand Ole Opry from the 1950’s through the 2000’s.