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Entrepreneurial Week Celebrated

The Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority is recognizing “Global Entrepreneur Week” — Nov. 17-23 — by supporting existing and potential entrepreneurial businesses with a series of workshops aimed at supporting the development of skill sets that entrepreneurs will find useful in establishing, managing and maintaining their businesses:

BRCEDA’s new Web site soon to be posted will contain information businesses will find useful: employment documents, employee manuals and forms and helpful hints in promoting businesses.

The authority promotes regional economic development with a focus on:

- Small entrepreneurial business development
- Small Business Development Center business writing plans
- Locating funding sources
- Supporting new and existing business with counseling, seminars and introductory classes in computers, Word, Excel and e-mail skills
- Internet training

Recent events and successes of the regional economic development efforts include the



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celebration dinner of 85 new businesses created by the efforts of the local SBDC office at Crossroads Institute and the announcement of the Jerry W Davis \$10,000 award for entrepreneurial excellence.

The area has been designated the “Entrepreneurial Region of Virginia,” supported by BRCEDA’s mission of restructuring the local economy by “executing an economic rebirth by growing new business.”

BRCEDA is a regional economic development authority serving Carroll, Galax and Grayson with a board of directors representing all localities, formed to address the loss of jobs from the textile and furniture industries.

The regional economic development team offices are located at the Crossroads Institute and includes the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority, the Crossroads Institute, Southwest Regional Enterprise Center, Crossroads Small Business Development Center and the office of the Carroll County Business Development Specialist.

• *Those interested in starting a business or business counseling are invited to come by or call to schedule an appointment at the Crossroads Institute at 236-0391.*

More information about Crossroads and its programs can be found at BRCEDA.org.