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St. Ambrose University offers "Strategic Management for HR Professional" Series

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"Strategic Management for HR Professionals," a six-part professional development series for human resource professionals or those responsible for human resource functions, will take place on Tuesdays, May 6 - June 10, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at the St. Ambrose University College for Professional Studies facility, 1950 E. 54th Street, Davenport.

The Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI)- approved series is for HR professionals who desire a stronger role in their organization's overall strategic management.

The series will focus on developing a strategic plan, communicating the core values and ethics of one's company, managing the HR budget, monitoring the legislative and regulatory environment, understanding risk management in HR, and evaluating alternatives for vendor selection or outsourcing. Participants can earn 2.5 HRCI re-certification credits per session in the area of strategic management.

The cost for all six sessions is \$300 for Great River Human Resource Association (GRHRA)

members and \$365 for non-members. Individual sessions and group rates are available. Lunch will be provided.

To register or for more information, contact Corporate Training and Outreach Specialist Brad Stoen at 563/441-9500 or StoenBradleyJ@sau.edu.

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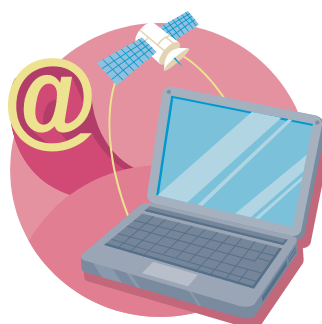
low@Work Resource Room

low@Work's resource room has the following services available on personal computers:

Computerized job search, Resume service, Labor Market Information, Career

Exploration, Typing test and Typing tutorials.

Please call Duane Denlinger our resource room coordination with any additional questions. 563-336-3469



Six Ways to Bring Home the Bacon (Literally) www.kwqc.com By: Associated Press



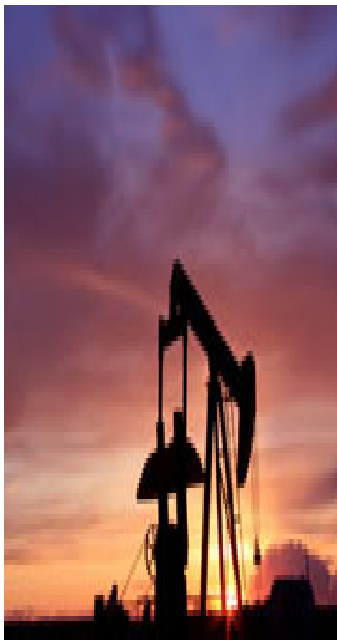
One thing Chad Brown doesn't stress about is his daily commute. Rolling out of bed, washing his face, and walking 10 paces to his computer, he's already at work. The CEO of Plus 1 Tickets, a home-based ticket brokering firm that sells sports, theatre, and concert tickets throughout the nation, Brown is one of the more than 4.2 million Americans that are ditching the daily commute in favor of

punching in at home.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, almost half of the nation's small businesses are currently operated from home-based offices -- and why not? As employer loyalty wanes and low-cost, lightening-speed technology becomes more accessible, it's easier than ever to start your own firm without leaving home. Here are six skills you'll need to kiss the cubicle goodbye.

- 1 - Entrepreneurship
- 2 - Tax Planning
- 3 - Public Relations and Marketing
- 4 - eCommerce
- 5 - Computer Networking
- 6 - Project Management

Oil Prices Keep Rising, with No Easing in Sight www.kqwc.com By: Associated Press



The news from the trading pits is, well, no news at all: Oil prices are again breaking records. On Apr. 21, the price of a barrel of the benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for May delivery hit \$117.76 on the [New York Mercantile Exchange](#)-an all-time high-before settling at \$117.46. On Apr. 22, crude hit yet another all-time high of \$118.05 in electronic trading before retreating slightly. Oil prices are up 23% so far this year, and 16% in April alone.

Those prices in the

futures market are hitting consumers in the here and now, rippling through everything from gasoline to food to home heating fuel. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline hit a high of \$3.50 on Apr. 21. Diesel prices also set a record, at \$4.20 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

Not surprisingly, consumers are looking for a culprit. In a comment posted to a [BusinessWeek.com](#) opinion piece arguing that there is no actual shortage of gasoline,

"Ward" wrote on Apr. 17: "Impeach the oil cos. Then impeach their main apologist, GWB [George W. Bush]." Indeed, some oil-company stocks rose along with crude on Apr. 21, with Hess closing up 7% at 112.56; ExxonMobil up 0.3% to 94.26; and Marathon Oil up 0.9% to 49.21.

But analysts say a complex mix of factors-from low interest rates to the sagging dollar to the faltering economy-is behind the oil price hike. And they don't expect a letup any time soon.

Children Who Bully Also Have Problems in Other Relationships By: Healthy Communities Newsletter

According to a new study from York University and Queen's University, bullying can indicate problems in relationships beyond those between a child and his or her peers. "Bullying is a relationship problem. Children who bully are using power and aggression to control others," says the

study's lead author Debra Pepler, a Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology at York University and senior associate scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children. "We need to look at their relationships with their parents and with friends who may also bully." The study found that bullies tend

to have problems in their relationships with friends and parents, and that the problems need to be addressed early to prevent children from bullying throughout their teens.



New Jobs Coming to Maquoketa www.kwqc.com

By: Associated Press

An international company with headquarters in Wisconsin is coming to Maquoketa. HUSCO International plans to move into a building in Maquoketa. The company makes hydraulic control valves for heavy machinery. HUSCO plans

to begin production in Maquoketa later this year. Initially, the company will hire 50-70 people. The Maquoketa operation hopes to be fully staffed in 3-5 years. At that time, there could be as many as 250 people

working there.



AFI Program Having Good Results Bringing Families out of Poverty By: Healthy Communities Newsletter

A new Administration for Children and Families (ACF) study notes promising findings on Assets for Independence (AFI), a federal program to help low-income families get out of poverty through individual develop-

ment accounts and financial management training. According to Daniel Schneider, acting assistant secretary for ACF, "This report proves that financial literacy training and individual development accounts really

can help low-income individuals lead more independent, self-sustaining lives as they work towards their dreams -- like owning a home or pursuing education."



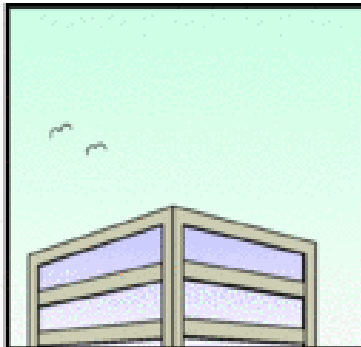
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