You are invited

to an

OPEN HOUSE

for the

Redwood County Technology Training Lab

located at the

Redwood County Courthouse (in the basement)

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
3:00-6:00pm

Come check out this first-class training facility which includes 12 computers and a large LCD presentation screen. The lab includes state of the art equipment and software for all your business, organization and personal meetings and trainings.
FREE coffee and cookies will be served.

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REDWOOD CONNECT

Connecting technology and communities in Redwood County.

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Slow internet? Lack of technology Resources?

How does technology affect you?

BROADBAND MATTERS.

We're working to bring broadband technology to your home and community, through classes, internet connections, free computers, telehealth communication and first class technology resources.

Who are we?

The Blandin Broadband Steering Committee is made up of various organizations in Redwood County including Redwood Area Development Corporation, Redwood Area School District, Red Rock Central Schools, Wabasso Public Schools, Redwood County Technology, Redwood Area Hospital and more.

The Steering Committee's role is to provide leadership in creating and supporting community projects related to broadband technology integration and usage.

The 2-year grant supporting this project, was funded and led by the Blandin Foundation.

What are we working on?

Various organizations throughout Redwood county came together beginning in January 2015. A Steering Committee was developed and an assessment of technology needs in our communities was completed.

The first phase of grant awards included funding for the development of a Redwood County Training Lab and a Redwood Area Community Education Technology Lunch & Learn Series. In addition, 50 refurbished computers were distributed to income-eligible families throughout Redwood County, through the PC's for People organization.

The second phase of grant submissions included funding for computers at the Redwood Falls Public Library, a Redwood County GIS program, Redwood Area Early Childhood SMART Board Interactive Flat TV's, Redwood Area Hospital TeleHeath Communication System, a 3D printer and classes for Red Rock Central Schools and the development of a Redwood Connect marketing plan. All grant awards for the second phase will be finalized on January 20, 2016.

Blandin Foundation ™
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

TECHNOLOGY resources now available to the public thanks to Blandin Foundation.

All the projects granted through this opportunity are intended to support technology use for all community members in Redwood County.

1st Round Grants Awarded

- **Redwood Connect Technology Training Lab** - Located in the basement of the Redwood County courthouse, this lab is available for use by the public as of January 1, 2016. To reserve the training lab, visit: *econdev.radc.org (click on Redwood Connect)* or call **507-637-1134**.
  (Blandin grant=$9,150 Total project cost=$12,750)

- **Redwood Area Community Education Technology Lunch & Learn** - Technology classes are offered at a convenient location (Redwood Connect Lab), during a time suitable for businesses and senior citizens, taught by local experts and includes a lunch....all for the low price of $10 per class. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in one, or multiple classes.
  (Blandin grant=$3,540 Total project cost=$5,980)

- **PC's for People** - Red Rock Central Schools and Redwood Area Early Childhood distributed about 50 computers to income-eligible families through the PC's for People program.

2nd Round Grants Awarded

- **Redwood Falls Public Library** - 20 new computers are now available for use at the Redwood Falls Public Library.
  (Blandin grant=$10,500 Total project cost=$16,000)

- **Redwood County GIS** - Redwood County is implementing a new Geographical Information System (GIS) which is now open to the public. The program allows users to view land parcels, roads, maps, infrastructure, public accesses and more.
  (Blandin grant=$12,100 Total project cost=$24,200)

- **Redwood Area Early Childhood SMART Board Interactive Flat TV's** - Two out of the three Redwood Area Early Childhood preschool classrooms will be equipped with SMART technology.
  (Blandin grant=$9,648 Total project cost=$12,648)

- **Redwood Area Hospital TeleHealth** - The Redwood Area Hospital Telehealth communication project will move forward. Telehealth is used to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health and health administration.
  (Blandin grant=$25,000 Total project cost=$49,430)

- **Red Rock Central Schools** - Red Rock Central Schools purchased a 3D printer and will be implementing classes and training for 2016. Check the Redwood Connect website for training schedule.
  (Blandin grant=$6,000 Total project cost=$15,000)

- **Redwood Connect Marketing** - Technology training lab open house, marketing brochures and advertising and sponsorship for the Social Media Rockstar event, are a few of the ways Redwood Connect spread the word about the work in Redwood County.
  (Blandin grant=$4,000 Total project cost=$8,000)

Total Blandin Match = $79,938
Total Local & InKind Match = $62,570
Total Project Costs = $142,508

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Veteran's Education
COMING SOON

HireWire Training for Employers & Recruiters
February 16, 2016
1:00pm
Redwood Connect Training Lab

Red Rock Central Schools *offering...*
Windows 10
Office 2016
3D Printing
Check the Redwood Connect schedule

BECOME A POWER USER.
Technology Lunch & Learn Series

All Classes - $10 each (includes lunch)
Located at the Redwood Connect Technology Training Lab (basement of Redwood Co. Courthouse)
11:30am-1:00pm
Register at least one week in advance - limited number of space

February 10 – Intro to Social Media, *RV Tech Solutions*
Have a Facebook account? What about Twitter? Whether you've already dipped your toes in the waters of social media or are still standing on the shore wondering what to make of it all, learning how to interact on various social media platforms is crucial in order to survive and thrive in this age of digital communication. In this course, you'll learn the ins and outs of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Google+, and more. You'll also discover other types of social media you may not have been aware of and how to use them for your benefit—personally, academically, and eventually professionally as well.

February 24 – Intro to Computers (Windows 7), *Paul Parsons*
This hands-on class will help you get started with what you need to get going on a computer. Learn to use the mouse properly, how to access programs, how to build folders and how to save your documents. You'll learn how to connect to the Internet and how to find some of the free applications available online. There will be a general questions period to discuss viruses and buying a computer. You'll leave class with a better understanding of how to get around on a computer. For those who have a laptop please bring, but not required. No computer experience necessary.

March 9 – Facebook for Business, *RV Tech Solutions*
Facebook should never be underestimated. With over a billion global users and nearly 6 million active brands, Facebook is an amazing platform for; engaging with customers, generating leads, managing customer service, launching products, driving traffic to websites and amplifying brand messages. Understanding what Facebook users want to read and which content is preferred, is necessary to succeed. Learn steps to become more confident and successful in using Facebook as a marketing tool to build and

March 23 – GIS (Geographical Information System), *Paul Parsons*
GIS is everywhere. From your smartphone to your tablet, location enabled devices are present in almost every household. With over 80% of all data having some type of spatial (or geographical) component, GIS and the principles of geographic data have relevancy everywhere. This course will introduce students to GIS and the principles of spatial data in their personal life as well as applications of GIS across Redwood County.

April 13 – Make your Smartphone a Business Powertool, *VantagePoint Marketing*
Take your business on the go with your Smartphone. Discover apps that will make emailing, coverting images, using calendars, processing credit cards, and more, a whole lot easier. Learn to sync, share and process all the latest information. Please bring your Smartphone to class.

April 27 – Blogging for Business, *RV Tech Solutions*
What is a blog? How do you get started? Are you struggling with content for your blog? Blogging is a great way to share with the world, what your business has to offer. Whether you are new to the idea, or an active blogger, learn tips and tricks on effective blogging.

May 11 – Skyping & Emailing for Seniors, *VantagePoint Marketing*
Stay in touch with your children, grandchildren and family all over the world through skyping and emailing. These simple technology applications are easy to use and can be done with any desktop computer, laptop or digital device! Please bring your laptop, iPad or other device if you have one.

May 25 – Microsoft Word 2010, *Lael Dornseif*
Learn basics, shortcuts, and practical uses for Word. Learn menus, toolbars, and functions. Work with Clip Art, Word Art, Formatting, Envelopes and mailing labels, Tables, Text Boxes, Bullets and Numbering, AutoShapes, etc. Participants must have basic computer knowledge including the use of Win-

June 8 – Intro to iPads, *Darren Tighe*
If you recently received an iPad or are thinking about purchasing one, this class is a must have! Learn how to set up your iPad, download and organize apps and how to use the many features. Please bring your iPad to class.

June 22 – Microsoft Excel 2010, *Lael Dornseif*
Learn basics, shortcuts, and practical uses for Excel. Learn menus, toolbars, and functions. Work with formulas, charts and graphs, cell formatting, and sorting. Learn to create worksheets and graphs. Participants must have basic computer knowledge including the use of Windows to participate successfully in this class.

July 13 - Microsoft Outlook, *Paul Parsons*
Microsoft Outlook is a standard office tool for working with email, scheduling appointments and organizing. This class teaches basic to advanced features and functionality and shows how these features can be applied to the real world. Bring your own laptop or device if you have one.

July 27 - Google Sites/Places for Business, *VantagePoint Marketing*
Google Sites is used to centralize documents, spreadsheets, presentations, videos, slideshows and more to keep teams organized. Google Places is the information that a search engine receives and uses when listing your business. Learn all about managing your Google Sites and Places, both of which are important free tools used internally and externally for your business.

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Online (Credit or Debit):
http://www.redwoodareaschools.com/page/2544

In Person: ISD #2897 District Office, 100 George Ramseth Drive, Redwood Falls

Mail: Registration form and payment

Questions? Call 507-644-8024

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Name & Company (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

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