

Forum today to explain unemployment insurance

If you're an employer puzzled by the sometimes bewildering rules surrounding unemployment insurance, today is your chance to get some answers from the state's top expert.

The session is 10-11 a.m.

in the Sakatah Room of the Greater Mankato Business Development Center (formerly Technology Plus), 1961 Premier Drive. The director of the Unemployment Insurance division will be on hand to answer questions.

The program is hosted by Greater Mankato Growth, but was spurred by state Rep.

Terry Morrow of St. Peter, who was hearing concerns from employers on the system.

Minnesota River theme of New Ulm festival

Downtown New Ulm will hold its annual River Blast and Flotilla event Friday and Saturday.

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This free festival celebrates the Minnesota River and its role in the creation of New Ulm. Highlights include music, the Flotilla on the River Water Parade with water vessels of all types, regional river history and information center displays, a paddling rally and canoe obstacle course, food and beverage vendors, biking and running events, and camping.

For further information, call 359-2346 or visit www.riverblast.org.

Girls On the Run volunteers sought

Applications to volunteer for the YWCA's Girls On the Run and Girls On Track program are due Friday.

Girls on the Run and Girls on Track are empowering programs for girls in grades 3-8 that use running and physical activity to teach life skills and build self-esteem.

Volunteer coaches are trained to facilitate activities, must be at least 18 years of age and pass a background check.

Volunteers need not be experienced runners.

Coaches commit to one or two afternoons a week throughout the 12-week season, which begins the week of Sept. 13 at seven Mankato-area locations. Applications are available online at mankatoywca.org.

Dakota Conflict presentation at Fort Ridgely on Saturday

Curtis Dahlin, a historian specializing in the U.S./Dakota Conflict of 1862, will present a program of rare photo of people and sites that

were part of the Dakota War 2 p.m. Saturday at Fort Ridgely Historical Site.

Regular admission fees apply for this program.

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