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Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the staff of the Parkland Business Development Center on the occasion of the grand opening of its new facility!

I, like many who attended the festivities, was truly impressed by the new center, by the great location near Market Place Mall, by the large conference and meeting room, and by the state-of-the-art computer training classrooms. But more importantly, I was impressed by the breadth and depth of what the Parkland Business Development Center does, and can do, for people in our community. Things like:

- ✓ Giving people experience on computer software programs they need in order to do their jobs well.
- ✓ Offering consulting services for businesses that are just getting off the ground.
- ✓ Presenting professional development workshops for real estate agents, insurance salespeople, health professionals, office workers, management, and many others -- because people who don't keep learning are bound to fall behind in their jobs.
- ✓ Giving businesses a choice between having training at the new site or at the work site, so that employees don't have to spend time traveling back and forth to class.

For many years, the Parkland Business Development Center and its predecessors have provided training help to numerous businesses. But with this wonderful new facility, I foresee that the center will become a critical resource for our community.

If you didn't have an opportunity to tour the new location and learn more about what the Business Development Center does for businesses of every size and kind, I'm sure they would welcome a call: 217/351-2235.

Sincerely,

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