Governor to attend CareerTek opening

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BELOIT à4; Governor Scott Walker will be in Beloit Wednesday to tour the new Hendricks CareerTek and the new Stateline Family YMCA facilities.

The governor will be among several special guests joining the Grand Opening celebrations at the downtown Beloit facility. Starting at 7:30 a.m. he will attend a walking tour of the CareerTek facilities and the new YMCA facilities.

An open house for the Hendricks CareerTek will be held from 1 - 4 p.m. Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony set for 4 p.m. Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce President and CEO Kurt Bauer will speak at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Diane Hendricks, Chairperson of the Hendricks Family Foundation, will also be speaking as part of Thursdayä9;s ribbon-cutting ceremony. Hendricks CareerTek is funded by a generous grant from the Hendricks Family Foundation to the Stateline Boys and Girls Clubs, out of which the career center will directly operate.

The Hendricks CareerTek facility is at 625 Third Street, Suite 200, in the Ironworks campus. All events are free and open to the public.

Those wishing to attend the walking tours should RSVP to Salzman at tinasalzman@hendrickscareertek.com.

CareerTek is located in a 4,000-square-foot area in the Ironworks complex, providing career development, education and mentoring for youth. The CareerTek seeks to partner with the School District of Beloit, the Stateline Boys and Girls Club, the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce and area businesses to help youth develop the skills and knowledge needed in todayä9;s workforce.

The YMCA is to move from its present location at 1865 Riverside Drive to the 80,000-square-foot facility in downtown Beloit. The new facility is to have a warm water pool, a lap pool, an indoor aquatic play area, basketball courts, exercise areas and other features.