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REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS NELSON HELPS CUT THE RIBBON AT
DUCK CREEK COFFEE COMPANY GRAND OPENING

GREEN BAY – Representative Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) helped cut the ribbon at the Duck Creek Coffee Company grand opening today, praising owners Paul Ninham and Jill-Martus Ninham for their entrepreneurial achievement despite difficult economic conditions.

“I congratulate Paul and Jill on their great success, which is made even more impressive by the tough economic climate we’re in,” said Rep. Nelson. “Small businesses are the backbone of our economy in Wisconsin – they create jobs and foster economic growth, which is the best and fastest way to get our economy back on track. Paul and Jill’s innovative partnership with Bear Paw Art Gallery is a model other entrepreneurs should emulate.”

Martus-Ninham took courses through the Urban Hope Entrepreneur Center, housed at NWTC, where she acquired the technical know-how and community networking skills needed to open a small business. The program guided them through the process of applying for necessary zoning certificates, and helped them secure a business loan from Oneida Small Business Inc.

“Community networking is what made it possible for our business plan to become a reality despite the economic downturn,” said Martus-Ninham. “By working with other local businesses, we’ve been able to provide so much more for our customers. Our vision was to offer art, food and beverage in the same location, making our partnership with Bear Paw Art Gallery a natural fit.”

Duck Creek Coffee Company is located within Bear Paw Art Gallery (2667 W. Mason St, Green Bay) and offers fresh roasted Alterra coffee beans, a full espresso menu and a variety of teas and other non-coffee beverages. Duck Creek Coffee Company prides itself on “extreme customer service,” and rewards frequent buyers with a warm community atmosphere and discount prices. Hours are M-F 7am-6pm and Saturday 8am-5pm.

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