

LAIRD OPTS OUT

Earlier this month, Laird Technologies announced that it will close its Delaware Water Gap plant by the end of February. The loss will be 375 jobs and a \$15 million payroll at a showcase high-tech, international company in a county working hard to create family sustaining jobs.

The economic impact created by the closing of Laird Industries could be significant, say area leaders. But shock over the news was met with equal parts concern and determination.

Unemployment in the county is likely to grow considerably as a result. Almost 90 percent of the workers at Laird reside in Monroe County. John Casella, administrator for PA CareerLink Monroe County, said commercial growth in the county will help to absorb some of those who will lose their jobs.

"We're fortunate to be in Monroe County where many new businesses are making it their home," Casella said, pointing to Johnson & Johnson's new distribution facility as an example.

CareerLink could play a major role in the placement of those workers. The state agency's mission is to provide integrated career services to job seekers and employers.

"CareerLink will be there to assist and provide any type of resources necessary in terms of skill training services that displaced workers would need to be employed locally," Casella said.

Casella believes the seven month notice of the plant's closing will give these employees enough time to work with CareerLink to find other employment. On hearing of Laird's closing Wednesday, Casella immediately reached out to the rapid response services coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Casella said the special unit will work with Laird's management to bring career services directly to the employees. That includes information on jobs, training and unemployment benefits.

What's going on Next Week.....

"Find a Job You'll Love!"

Presented by Sharone G.
Mon., Aug. 20th, 9:30-12:30 pm

"Computer Basics"

Presented by Ken O.
Mon, Aug 20th, 2:00-3:00 pm

"Interview Prep"

Presented by Sharone G.
Tue, Aug 21st, 2:00-3:00 pm

"Computerized O'Net Assessments"

Presented by Sharone G.
Wed, Aug 22nd, 9:00-10:30 noon

"Update Your CareerLink Resume Using Microsoft Word"

Presented by Ken O.
Thur Aug 23rd, 2:00-4:00 pm

WELCOME NEW PARTNER

On July 1st, the PA CareerLink Monroe County welcomed the new kid on the block-**Burnley!** This past month, **Stephanie Stackhouse**, Employment Specialist at **Burnley**, moved in and has been collaborating services with other CareerLink partners.

By providing rehabilitation for people with disabilities, the aim of **Burnley** is to empower individuals by helping them achieve their fullest physical, mental, social, vocational and economic potential. Employment placement and training with an emphasis on full involvement in the economic and social life of the community is vital in helping to reach that goal.

Burnley Employment and Rehabilitation Services collaborates with other private and public agencies in developing a comprehensive program of services to individuals with disabilities. At the manufacturing operation in Snyder'sville, individuals with barriers to employment perform work for area businesses in a nurturing, closely supervised workshop environment. Established companies such as Weiler Corporation, Sanofi-Pasteur, Patterson-Kelley and Laird Technologies provide long-term contracts as partners with Burnley.

The job coaches within the Burnley employment department assist the consumer with resume building, time management skills and transportation if needed. Most importantly, Burnley staff contact hiring managers in the community on the job-seeker's behalf. Job coaches also provide assistance with interview preparation. During this time, consumers learn and practice communication and other appropriate work-related social skills.

On behalf of all staff, partners and friends a big welcome is extended to all of **Burnley** and specifically to **Stephanie**, who can be found in the **Career Guidance** section of the building!

CAREERLINK NEWS CLIPS

Let the training begin! Training for all Workforce Staff and Partners for CWDS-scheduled to make its debut live online September 4th-began on July 30th. Staff across the Commonwealth will be training all month.

OVR Counselors Get Advanced Degrees.....Late last spring, counselors **Jackie Fazio**, **Liz Jordan** and **Cheryl Zickgraf** received Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Scranton. Congratulations on a job well done ladies!

Congrats and Good Luck to Primo "Sonny" Ortiz, our Rural Opportunities Program Participant, on the start of his new job as Supervisor of the indoor and outdoor Maintenance personnel at the Delaware Water Gap Rest Area. On behalf of all CareerLink staff and partners, "Thanks for everything and we'll miss you!!!"

Happy August Birthday to.....

Ann Marie Depue

Debbie Harrison

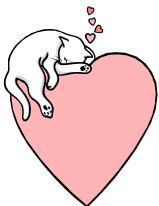


Edie Schramm

Jackie Richardson

Linda Ryan

Liz Jordan





TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.



Business Services TEAM



SEARS LOGISTICS SERVICES, the distribution arm of the Sears Corporation is opening a new 1 million sq. ft. distribution center in Covington Industrial Park in Gouldsboro. They hope to begin operations by September 15th. We are now in possession of the employment application which **MUST** be submitted by job seekers. They are located at the reception desk. Sears is one of our national employers that seeks applicants who may qualify for Work Opportunity Tax Credits and all applicants fill out form 8850 (Certification Request for Work Opportunity Credits) as part of the application process. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals involved in TANF programs, public assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation referrals, and ex-offender programs.

Job orders web811094, web811085, web811069, and web811064 apply. Any questions-see **Don Langlois**.

JOIN THE ADIDAS TEAM-new factory outlet store at The Crossings Premium Outlets will be having a Career Fair, Tuesday, August 21st from 9:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-7:00 pm at The Chateau Resort and Conference Center on Camelback Road in Tannersville. ADIDAS is currently hiring full-time and part-time employees for Sales Associates and Stockroom Associates positions.



STARBUCKS COFFEE is opening a new store @ 715 Main Street in Stroudsburg on Thursday, August 30th! Starbucks has Full time benefits for part time work. Hours of operation are 5 AM to Midnight, 7 days a week. Applications are available at the front desk. View job order WEB805452 for more information. Any questions-contact **Ken Oakman**.



Veterans

Thomas Morris from the Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center will be at the CareerLink on August 20th from 10:30 am-2:30 pm to help veterans, their spouses and family members who have questions about VA benefits and services. All veterans, peacetime and wartime, are welcome. Appointments are not required.



Careerlink TEAM Meeting Schedule

Administration Team: Tuesday, September 13th at 2:00 pm.

Career Guidance Team: Thursday, August 16th at 9:00 am.

Customer Information & Resource Team: Wednesday, August 29th 3:00 pm.

Business Services Team: Thursday, August 23rd at 9:00 am.



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Hanson Aggregates

—Equipment Operators
-web 820496

Adidas

—Stock Room Associate
-web 818812

Pocono YMCA

—Group Supervisors and Assistants
-web 818358

Keystone Blind Association

—Rest Area Attendants
-web 820585

Monroe County Youth Employment Service

—Program Director
-web 818415

Pocono Healthy Community Alliance

—Administrative Assistant
-web 819398

Krayer Detective Agency

—Security Guard
-web 818751

East Stroudsburg University

—Computer Operator I
-web 818221



Writing on the Wall.....

**If you have accomplished all
that you have planned for yourself,
you have not planned enough.**

-Edward Everett Hale

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