

JOB GROWTH CONTINUES

Governor Edward G. Rendell said that Pennsylvania's unemployment rate of 4.3 percent in July marked the 45th month of the past 55 months that the commonwealth's unemployment rate has been at or below the nation's rate, and the sixth consecutive month that the state's unemployment rate has been below the national average.

The Governor also noted that Pennsylvania's job count remained strong in July, coming in at 5,796,300 jobs – an increase of 43,800 from a year ago. Since January 2003, the state has seen a net gain of 168,100 new jobs.

"Our economy continues to show signs of sustained strength in the private sector," Governor Rendell said. "Among private employers, jobs were up 3,400 this month, showing us the positive results that our strategic economic investments are having on expanding our workforce and economy."

Job growth in July was concentrated among three of the services providing industries' sectors: education & health services (up by 3,800), trade transportation & utilities (up by 2,200), and professional & business services (up by 200).

"Pennsylvania's economy is at its best when we are able to invest," Governor Rendell said. "By investing in our communities and creating jobs, we are sending a clear message to national and global businesses that Pennsylvania is where they should be."

The Governor said that since the beginning of August, companies have committed to creating nearly 1,100 new hi-tech jobs in Pennsylvania as a direct result of economic investments:

- Westinghouse Electric Company recently broke ground for a new headquarters and technology facility that will bring an additional 931 new jobs to Butler County. Upon completion of the project, the company will have an estimated 4,400 employees

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What's going on This Week.....

"Resumes and Cover Letters"

Presented by Sharone G.

Mon, August 27th, 9:00-11:00 am

"Interview Basics"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, August 28th, 1:00-2:00 pm

"Salary Negotiation"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, August 28th, 2:00-3:00 pm

"Career Exploration"

Presented by Sharone G.

Mon., August 28th, 9:00-2:30 pm

"Employer Website Assistance"

Presented by Don L.

Fri August 31st, 3:00-4:00 pm

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in Western PA.

- Apprise Software Inc. will complete its \$3 million relocation project that will bring 100 new jobs into the Lehigh Valley.
- Hi-tech printing company ANRO Inc. will complete a \$21.5 million consolidation project that will bring 60 new high-paying manufacturing jobs and retain 163 jobs in Chester County.

“The creation of these employment opportunities is great news for our economy, our businesses and – most importantly – our hardworking men and women,” Governor Rendell said.



Our Mission

“The Primary Source of Excellence in Workforce Development in the Pocono Communities”



LOOKING FOR GOOD WORKERS....

The past few months have been hectic with numerous employer applications available at our **CareerLink**. The following is the most up to date status of each application process. If there are any questions, please see **Don Langlois**.

GENCO

Genco has finished their recruitment process and we are no longer accepting applications for any positions at the distribution center. They have asked that we no longer distribute applications as the building is not yet officially opened and the public is not invited to come on site and drop off applications. Any prior applicants who are seeking information can call 570-243-5470 and leave a message for the personnel office.

SEARS LOGISTICS

We are accepting applications for FORK LIFT DRIVERS ONLY to work at the new distribution center in Gouldsboro. They will again solicit applications for all positions in a few months when the 2nd recruitment phase begins.

VERSACOLD

Applications being accepted as usual.

MOUNT AIRY CASINO

There are four (4) application processes available to applicants wishing to work at Mt. Airy

(a) apply to any job posted on the CareerLink website - the HR department at Mt Airy is reviewing the activity logs daily and calling in individuals who have posted themselves to these posted positions.

(b) Fill-out and take out of the CareerLink a paper application available at the reception desk. When complete the applicant can call 570-243-4838, present a brief introduction of themselves and request an interview time.

(c) Apply in person at the Mt. Airy employment center (1/2 block off rte. 611 on woodland rd., direction signs at intersection of Rte 611 and Woodland). There is a computer center with approx 15 computers where applicants can apply on-line.

(d) **APPLY ON-LINE AT mountairyresortandcasino.com** The website is now once again active for taking on-line applications and is reviewed daily by the human resources staff at the resort.





TEAMOLOGY

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



Business Services TEAM



The Business Services Team held their monthly meeting yesterday, and welcomed as the guest speaker, Jane Ashton, Director for Workforce Development for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry. Ms. Ashton did a presentation on the Logistics and Transportation Industry Partnership grant and how it can be marketed by the BST!

The **FIRST** issue of the **BUSINESS SERVICES NEWSLETTER** hit the stands (and the airwaves) this week! Each edition will contain information relevant for the business community on local, state, and national issues. If have not yet viewed a copy, or wish to be added to the distribution list to receive future issues, contact **Donna Gerrity** at dgerrity@state.pa.us. or phone 570-620-2853.

WEILER CORPORATION will be at the **PA CareerLink Monroe County** on Thursday, September 13th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, recruiting for Production Operators, Warehouse Shippers, Toolmaker, Mechanical Technician. **WEILER** does a comprehensive orientation/interview assessment-so inform any Job Seekers you may be working with to allow themselves two hours to complete the process!



Customer Information & Resource TEAM



Welcome new and familiar faces to the front desk! On behalf of the **CareerLink** staff and partners, we wish to welcome **Mary Bailey** and **Jay Shumaker**, from the Experience Works Program, to our office. **Jay** has returned to help out at the front desk and to continue training in the CRC. **Mary** will be starting as our front desk Greeter!

Congrats to Barbara Sypio on her new assignment as the Field Coordinator Assistant for Experience Works! We will still see **Barbara** in the office, but a good portion of her day will be spent on the road recruiting.



COMING SOON IN THE FYI.....

The latest on “CWDS Goes Live!” Also, check out “ Summer Youth Wraps”, “WIA Reauthorization-Will it Ever Come?”, “TEAM Reports”, the “Holiday That Celebrates Workers” and much more in next weeks issue!



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Hayward Laboratories

—Regulatory Affairs Associate
-web 824221

Mount Airy Resort & Casino

—Accounts Payable Clerk
-web 823645
—Payroll Clerk
-web 823644

Burnley Workshop of the Poconos

—Employment Specialist
-web 823508

Leonard Security Services

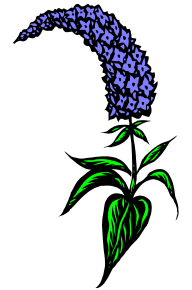
—Armed Security Guard
-web 823294

Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort

—Front Gate Greeter
-web 823812
—Housekeepers
-web 823835

Taft Ross Management Inc

—Office Assistant
-web 823023



Writing on the Wall

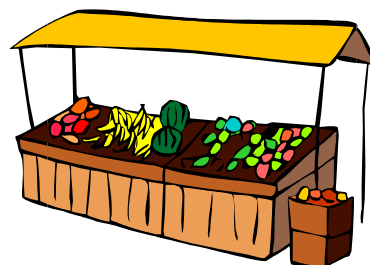
**The secret of joy in work is contained in
one word-excellence.**

**To know how to do something
well is to enjoy it**

-Pearl Buck,

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