



## PA STILL AHEAD

Pennsylvania continues to show job growth in 2008 as the state's nonfarm job count rose by 800 in June, while the state's unemployment rate remained steady at 5.2 percent.

For the first half of the year, Pennsylvania's economy has outperformed the nation's. The U.S. economy lost jobs every month this year while Pennsylvania posted gains in four of the past six months.

"The fact that Pennsylvania continues to show job growth during such economically challenging times is good news for our workers and businesses," Governor Rendell said. "In the past three months, we've added 6,800 new jobs to our employer's payrolls while the nation has lost 191,000 jobs. This is a clear indicator that our efforts to revitalize and strengthen our economy are paying off.

"For Pennsylvania to maintain its footing in a still-uncertain national economy, we must continue to provide economic opportunities like those approved in the recently signed 2008-09 state budget," he said. "The budget includes major new investments in energy, education and infrastructure, so we can provide more opportunities that will benefit Pennsylvanians for decades to come. With this budget, Pennsylvania is well-positioned to deal with whatever lies ahead."

Among the job-creating, economy-boosting initiatives in the budget, Governor Rendell's Rebuild Pennsylvania program includes \$350 million in bonds to underwrite bridge projects that will be included in the state transportation improvement program. The combined funding will allow PennDOT to start repairs on 411 bridges this year.

The budget also includes Energy Independence Strategies that will invest \$665.9 million in alternative energy, of which \$237.5 million will go to consumers to lower their energy costs and help them join the new energy economy, and \$428.4 million will go to create jobs and expand the alternative energy sector in Pennsylvania. Together, these measures will attract private sector investment and reduce America's dependence on foreign oil.

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

### **"Resumes & Cover Letters"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Mon. August 4th, 9:30-11:30 am

### **"Intro to CareerLink Services"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, August 5th, 10:00-11:00 am

### **"Interview Basics"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, August 5th, 12:00-1:30 pm

### **"Salary Negotiation"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, August 5th, 1:30-2:00 pm

### **"Career Exploration"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Wed, August 6th, 9:30-2:30pm

### **"Computer Basics"**

Presented by Ken O.

Fri, August 8th, 9-10:00 am

# NEWS FOR UC CLAIMANTS

Federal legislation was signed June 30 to provide up to 13 weeks of emergency unemployment compensation to eligible claimants. Pennsylvania employers will not be charged with additional contributions to fund these extended benefits.

During July 2008, the Department of Labor & Industry began contacting potentially eligible claimants by mail with information about EUC and instructions on filing for EUC benefits. For claimants who may become eligible in the future, the Department of Labor and Industry will send instructions about applying for EUC when a claimant has four weeks of benefits left on a current UC claim or four weeks before the current UC benefit year ends. Anyone who might be eligible for this program and did not receive information from the Department, please contact the UC Service Center at 1-888-313-7284. For more information, please visit this link to the Web site of the Office of UC Benefits:Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Benefits Information

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## CareerLink TEAM Meeting Schedule

**Administration Team:** Monday , August 18th at 10:00 am.

**Career Guidance Team:** Thursday, August 21st at 9:00 am.

**Customer Information & Resource Team:** Wednesday, August 6th at 2:30 pm.

**Business Services Team:** Wednesday, August 20th at 9:00 am.



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The 3rd annual **CareerLink** Summer Picnic was held on July 17th at Mountainview Park in Tannersville. This years theme, Southern Barbeque, is reflected below starting with the country menu served up, to the activities enjoyed, right down to hoe down dress and hair styles! Thanks go out to the Social Committee for the organization and to all who attended and contributed to make the day a success!





# TEAMOLOGY

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



## NEW FACES AT CAREERLINK....MEET Y.E.S. Director

If you have been at the PA CareerLink Monroe County anytime in the last two months, no doubt you had the opportunity to meet the new Director of Youth Employment Service-Parviz "Peter" Alasty!



**Mr. Alasty** comes to us with a wealth of professional experience, most recently as the Business Development Specialist for the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce, where he did Business Coaching and was the Director of Leadership Pocono, among other duties. He also brings to the table years of knowledge in developing, implementing and supervising Youth Employment Programs as Executive Director and Senior Teacher.

In coming issues of the FYI, we will highlight the direction that Y.E.S. will be taking under "**Peter's**" direction, for now, "Welcome to the **PA CareerLink Monroe County** and Best Wishes to you!"

## Business Services TEAM



**APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR UNION PIPE FITTER & PLUMBER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.** The United Association of Pipe fitters and Plumbers Local Union 524 Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JATC) will be accepting applications for a five year apprenticeship every first Monday of each month between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. If Monday is considered a holiday the applications can be obtained on the Tuesday following the first Monday of the month.

The Pipe Fitters and Plumbers Training Center office is located at 711 Corey Street, Scranton, PA 18505. Applications must be obtained in person and completed in full upon return. Applicants will be notified when to return for a qualification exam.

## Customer Information & Resource TEAM



**The Seminar/Workshop Schedule is now available for the month of August!** Check out the "NEW" offering and relay the information to any jobseekers who can answer "yes" to any of these questions:

Do Have Legal Employment Questions?....A Criminal Record?....Are You An Ex-Offender? Plan to Attend "**Legal Barriers to Employment**", Friday, August 22, 2008, 10:00-11:00 am in the **CareerLink** Conference Room. This seminar is presented by Attorney's from North Penn Legal Services Inc.



# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



## Vigon International Inc

—Customer Service Representative  
-web 583812

## Maximum Care Inc.

—Certified Nurses and Home Health Aides  
-web 581646

## Bustin Industrial Products

—Inventory Control Specialist  
-web 581869  
—Quality Control Coordinator  
-web 581865



## Pocono YMCA

—Youth Center Program Coordinator  
-web 582903  
—Assistant Group Supervisor  
-web 583438

## First Energy Corporation

—Distribution Specialist Supervisor  
-web 583171

## Advanced Door Technology

—Customer Service and Sales  
-web 583624



## WRITING ON THE WALL

**Life is like an onion:  
You peel it off one layer at a time,  
and sometimes you weep.**

**-Carl Sandburg**

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