

## UC Claims Increase

Labor & Industry Acting Secretary Sandi Vito reports that Pennsylvania families have benefited from the commonwealth's July decision to administer a federally funded emergency unemployment compensation benefits program. As of Aug. 21, Vito said there have been 100,517 emergency unemployment compensation claims filed in Pennsylvania resulting in \$89.2 million in benefits.

"As the commonwealth begins to feel the effects of a turbulent national economy, Pennsylvanians who are out of work through no fault of their own have been provided a critical financial lifeline to help them pay for food, fuel, housing and other necessities as they seek to re-enter the workforce," said Vito. "This is money that gives financial relief to tens of thousands of our fellow Pennsylvanians and, at the same time, helps to stimulate the economy."

In July, Pennsylvania signed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor to administer the program to provide up to 13 weeks of emergency unemployment compensation to Pennsylvanians who have exhausted their regular state unemployment benefits and are ineligible for other state or federal unemployment benefit programs.

"I am pleased we have been able to provide additional relief at a time when rising costs have further strained family budgets and made periods of unemployment even more difficult," Vito said.

Because of the Department of Labor & Industry's preparation prior to the federal authorization of the emergency unemployment compensation program, Pennsylvania was among the first states to begin issuing emergency unemployment compensation benefits in July.

As a result of the increased number of claimants generated by the emergency unemployment compensation program, individuals are reminded that the best way to file initial or continued claims is online at [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us) by clicking on "Unemployment Compensation" in the Quick Links section. Continued claims can also be filed using Pennsyl-

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

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#### "Intro to CareerLink Services"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, September 2, 10:00-11:00 am

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#### "Interview Basics"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, September 2, 12:00-1:30 pm

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#### "Salary Negotiation"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, September 2, 1:30-2:00 pm

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#### "Career Exploration"

Presented by Sharone G.

Wed, September 3, 9:00-2:30pm

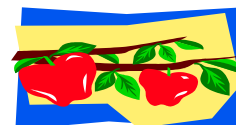
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#### "Resume Critique"

By Appointment with Debbie H.

Fri, September 5th 9-12:00 noon

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vania Automated Teleclaims at 1-888-255-4728.

If claimants must contact the unemployment compensation service center, the best times to do so are later in the week – Wednesday through Friday, especially between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Unemployment compensation service centers take calls Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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# BYE BYE SUMMER

With summer fading fast, and the start of school just around the corner, another successful **Summer Youth Program** has wrapped up. Starting the end of June, this years program encompassed three school districts; East Stroudsburg, Pocono Mountain, Pleasant Valley and the Monroe Career & Technical Institute. The programs included basic skills remediation, work-learning integration, exposure to academic subjects such as math and reading, life skills and other educational and cultural experiences. The following is a summary of each program:

**East Stroudsburg School District** – This program was held at the J.T. Lambert Intermediate School. The classroom part of the day provided activities that improved and enriched reading comprehension, honed computer and communications and provided job readiness and team building skills. The work experience consisted of learning the fundamentals of landscaping, where the students carried out many projects that culminated in the major beautification of the school.

**Pleasant Valley School District**- In the classroom the participants worked on their reading skills and were charged to read three books; “Christine”, “The Chocolate War” and “White Fang”. As a group, the wrote essays on each of the books. Their work experience included special custodial projects. Broken into teams, they got the school spic and span for the coming year cleaning floors, bleachers, and lockers among other things.

**Pocono Mountain School District** - This program is specifically and uniquely designed for the special needs students it serves. Activities include newspaper skills, math, writing (which included computer skills) reading and work skills. The program has incentives such as striving to be named “Employee of the Week”, a small reward for maintaining a safety record and other recognitions to motivate the workers. A major component is the job readiness skills. The participants put those to practice working closely with the custodial staff on a variety of projects.

**Monroe Career & Technical Institute** - The program entitled “Auto Motive Basics”, operated at the MCTI’s Auto Shop. Classroom studies were developed to specifically meet the special needs of the students and included newspaper skills, math, writing (which included computer skills) reading, budgeting and learning how to balancing check books. The “work” segment consisted of basic automotive skills-changing oil, balancing tires, measuring tire air, operating lifts and using safety equipments. The participants greatly enjoyed working in the shop and learning about cars.



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



# TEAMOLOGY

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



## NEW FACES AT CAREERLINK...MEET Prime Tech



The start of the new program year brought new partners, thus new faces at the **PA CareerLink Monroe County**. At this time we would like to welcome and introduce **George Cichowicz**, Director, and **Diane Fritzinger**, Representative, of our new partner agency "**Prime Tech Training**". **Diane** will soon be stationed in our office on a regular basis and will be included on the CRC schedule starting in October. A great big **CareerLink** welcome goes out to **George and Diane**-we are so glad to have you here! Look for the story of "**Prime Tech Training**" in a future issue of the **FYI!**

## Customer Information & Resource TEAM



**So Good-They'll Be Back!** The Seminar "Legal Barriers to Employment", presented last week by attorney's from North Penn Legal Services Inc. answered many questions to a nearly full house of job seekers, staff and friends. We have the information in hand out form for those who were unable to attend. There will be another seminar scheduled sometime in October for anyone who missed this very informative event.

## LABOR HONORED



Labor Day is a national legal holiday that is over 100 years old. Over the years, it has evolved from a purely labor union celebration into a general "last fling of summer" festival.

It grew out of a celebration and parade in honor of the working class by the Knights of Labor in 1882 in New York. In 1884, the Knights held a large parade in New York City celebrating the working class. The parade was held on the first Monday in September. The Knights passed a resolution to hold all future parades on the same day, designated by them as Labor Day. In the late 1880's, labor organizations began to lobby various state legislatures for recognition of Labor Day as an official state holiday. Then in 1894, Congress passed a law recognizing Labor Day as an official national holiday.

Today, Labor Day is observed not only in the U.S. but also in Canada, and in other industrialized nations. While it is a general holiday in the United States, its roots in the working class remain clearer in European countries.

**Labor Day is Monday, September 1, 2008. To all Staff, Partners & Friends have a safe and happy "last fling of summer" weekend!**





# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



## Horizon Milling (cargill)

- Entry Level Position
- web 590026



## Monroe Career & Technical Institute

- Cafeteria Monitor
- web 588699

## Skytop Lodge

- Golf Maintenance
- web 589908
- Night Kitchen Porter
- web 588898

## Fernwood (Bushkill Group Inc)

- Cooks
- web 588739
- Diner Supervisor
- web 588751

## Rainbow Trail Child Care Center

- Child Care Teachers
- web 589438

## Advanced Door Technology

- General Office
- web 589914



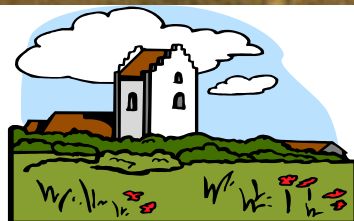
## WRITING ON THE WALL

**There is no America  
without labor,  
and to fleece the one  
is to rob the other.**

**-President Abraham Lincoln**

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