

ALMOST A WRAP

As summer winds down, we are barely able to catch our breath at the CareerLink in Monroe County. Some of the special events and programs that kept us hopping are listed:

- In June, North Penn Legal Services presented “Legal Barriers to Employment”, which provided a wealth of information to job seekers with legal barriers issues.
- The Summer Youth program saw it’s largest numbers in over 5 years. There were 4 special programs with area school districts; Pocono Mountain School District had 22 participants, Pleasant Valley School District 21, East Stroudsburg 17, Monroe Career & Technical Institute 15 with 79 youth workers in work experience at over 30 worksites.
- In July, we introduced the new seminar “How to Land a Government Job”. With two sessions held, 23 job seekers were given information on how to obtain federal, state and local government employment.
- Activities for Veterans were abundant. The PA CareerLink Monroe County and Tobyhanna Army Depot hosted “A Career Transition Seminar” for Veterans in June, July and August. These special programs helped over 75 Veterans and staff better understand and navigate the Army federal employment Civilian Personnel on-line (CPOL) site for resumes. A representative from the Governor’s Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center was at our office in both June and August for information on veterans benefits. On July 15th additional veterans benefits information was available when the DAV Mobile Service office parked outside our doors.

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What’s going on This Week.....

“Resumes & Cover Letters”

Presented by Kim J.

Mon, August 24th, 9-11:00 am

Thur, August 27th, 1:30-4:00 pm

“Intro to CareerLink Services”

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, August 25th, 10:00-11:00 am

“Mock Interviews”

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, August 25th, 1:00-2:00 pm

“Career Exploration”

Presented by Kim J.

Wed, August 26th, 9:00-2:30pm

“Computer Basics”

Presented by Ken O.

Fri, August 28th, 9-10:00 am

- The special workshop, “Building a Business Website”, was presented by Rita Lacey of Close the Loop on July 31st. The conference room was full with 30 future entrepreneurs who gained valuable knowledge on business start ups.
- The first week of August saw the results of our information sessions designed to assist those receiving unemployment compensation research any and all training opportunities available to them. The “Financial Aid Information Session” held at Northampton Community College’s Monroe Campus provided the answers to questions many job seekers had about financial aid opportunities created through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- On August 20th, the CareerLink hosted “Training Programs at Monroe Career & Technical Institute” to give our customers another resource tool in their quest for training opportunities.
- With the significant increase of individuals attending the seminars and workshops, we saw a clear need to offer the many attendees a separate opportunity to network and interact with each other. August 28th saw the birth of the “Networking Seminar”. Although it may have another name by the time the group meets again, the whole concept of this workshop is to allow the participants to determine the content.



PA’S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: JULY 2009

Pennsylvania’s seasonally adjusted civilian labor force — the number of people working or looking for work — fell by 52,000 in July to 6,388,000. Resident employment was down 50,000 for the month, while unemployment fell by 2,000. The labor force was down 8,000 from a year ago.

Pennsylvania’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point to 8.5 percent in July. The state rate remained below the United States’ unemployment rate, which decreased by one-tenth of a point to 9.4 percent in July. Pennsylvania’s rate was up 3.1 percentage points from July 2008, while the U.S. rate was up 3.6 percentage points over the year.

Pennsylvania’s seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs count decreased by 4,800 jobs in July; marking the smallest decline since October 2008. At 5,620,700 jobs, the Pennsylvania total fell to its lowest level since February 2004. Goods-producing industries accounted for roughly four out of every five lost jobs in July. Since July 2008, Pennsylvania jobs were down 183,300, or 3.2 percent. Nationally, jobs were down 4.2 percent over the same period.



Happy August Birthday to:

Ann Marie DePue

Deborah Harrison

Kimberly Jones

Jackie Richardson

Edie Schramm





TEAMOLOGY

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

CareerLink

Meet the NEW FACE at CAREERLINK-Rosemarie Kennedy



Goodwill Industries has a new Employment Specialist/Job Coach, **Rosemarie Kennedy**. For the last month, **Rosemarie** has been helping out in the CRC on Friday afternoons where her assistance is much appreciated. Be sure to give her a BIG CAREERLINK WELCOME!

Saying Goodbye.....



Earlier this month we bid farewell to **Patricia Hoffman**, our state annuitant worker that was placed at our **CareerLink** last December as a result of the significant increase of Unemployment Compensation Claims. **Pat** was a tremendous help to the UC claimants, as well as to our staff. We send "thanks" for all her assistance and want her to know she is missed!

Business Services TEAM



UNITED ENVELOPE, located in the Mount Pocono Industrial Park, will be taking applications for Experienced Adjusters and Skilled Mechanics at the **PA CareerLink Monroe County** on Thursday, August 27th from 9 am to 1 pm. For any job seekers you are working with who may have been unable to attend the job fair, keep in mind that applications are still available at the front desk.



Careerlink Monthly TEAM Meeting

Administration Team: Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00 am.

Business Services Team: Wednesday, September 23rd at 10:00 am

Career Guidance Team: Thursday, September 17th at 9:00 am.

Customer Information & Resource Team: Wed., September 2nd at 2:30 pm



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Northeast Energy Inc

—HVAC Service Technician
-web 649938

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries

—Maintenance Technician
-web 651018

East Stroudsburg University

—Construction Quality Assurance
-web 650408

Riverside Rehabilitation

—Speech Language Pathologist
-web 649464

—Business Accelerator and KIZ Director
-web 643581

—Physical Therapist Assistant
-web 649452

A T & T Mobility

—Sales Rep I Wireless
-web 650137

Wachovia/Wells Fargo Bank

—Teller Manager
-web 650843



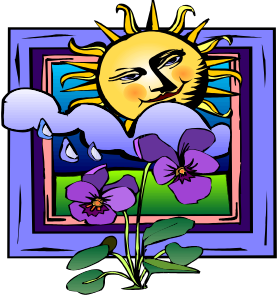
Writing on the Wall

**The work goes on,
the cause endures,
the hope still lives and
the dreams shall never die.**

-Edward Kennedy

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