

# VOTE YES

With a little more than a month before election day, the word is getting out that a non-binding referendum will appear on the November ballot to garner votes to support a \$31 million county bond issue to help **Northampton Community College** pay for a new, larger Monroe campus in Tannersville. The proposed new facility would be 200,000 square feet on 71 acres along Route 715 and will accommodate 5,000 students. This is more than double the current capacity at the college off Route 611 in Tannersville. The expansion project is critical to economic development in Monroe County and the commissioners want the taxpayers to weigh in before committing to the loan, which will be paid back over 20 years. Officials estimate the debt will add roughly \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value of a residential home to the average household tax bill. A small price for what the value of the Community College expansion will bring to the community at large.

It has been estimated that the project construction will generate an estimated \$46.4 million in economic activity, 542 jobs and \$6.1 million in tax revenue. After completion, the new campus is projected to generate \$12.8 million in added economic activity and 116 permanent jobs beyond any additional college positions and will generate an additional \$1.5 million per year in tax revenue.

The **PA CareerLink Monroe County**, strongly supports and favors the “yes” vote on this referendum. The expansion project of our partner, **Northampton Community College** during this tough economic period is an employment, educational and economic stimulus package tailor made for Monroe County.


Additional information about the referendum can be found at a special **NCC** website [www.MonroeYesCommittee](http://www.MonroeYesCommittee), and by calling (570) 982-9917. The last day to register to vote for the November election is Monday, October 5, 2009.

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

### “Legal Barriers to Employment”

Presented by North Penn Legal Services  
Mon, October 5, 10:00-11:00 am

### “Resume & Cover Letters”

Presented by Kim J.   
Mon, October 5th 1:00-3:30 pm

### “Intro to CareerLink Services”

Presented by Kim J.  
Tue, October 6th 10:00-11:00 am


### “How to Land a Government Job”

Presented by Kim J. & Lani C.  
Thur, October 8th, 9:00-10:00 am

### “Networking Workshop”

Presented by Kim J.  
Fri, October 9th, 9-11 pm

### “Computer Basics”

Presented by Ken O.   
Fri, October 9th, 9-10:00 am

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# UC EXTENDED

With no end in sight to the country's job market woes, the House has agreed to give the jobless in a majority of states another 13 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits.

The bill, which passed the House 331-83, approves the extra three months of benefits for those jobless living in 27 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, with unemployment rates topping 8.5 percent. Similar legislation is pending in the Senate. The longtime unemployed in states with lower levels of joblessness would not get the extension. **Pennsylvania** is among the numbered 27 states.

The job market appears to be the last to recover from a recession that officially began in December 2007. Jobless benefits have already been extended to record lengths through federal intervention.

States offer 26 weeks of benefits, with the average payment about \$300 a week. But with federal help, including provisions from the economic stimulus bill, the unemployed in states hardest hit by the recession can receive up to 79 weeks of assistance.

About 5 million of those unemployed, about one-third of the total, have been out of work for six months, another figure that far outpaces recent recessions. There are about six people looking for every job available.

The immediate effect of the bill would be to keep assistance flowing to about 300,000 people, three-fourths of those expected to exhaust their benefits in September. Through the end of the year, it would protect more than 1 million from losing their benefits.

Because the recession officially began in December 2007, people getting the full 79 weeks could be running out of benefits and would be entitled to the 13-week extension.

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## KUDOS TO PA L&I



Governor Edward G. Rendell lauded the Department of Labor & Industry and Secretary Sandi Vito for earning awards from the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, or NASWA, during its annual conference this week. Pennsylvania received two of the five national awards that recognize contributions to the success of the nation's public workforce system in five different categories.

Vito received The Eagle Award for her contributions to workforce development and related services and her efforts to serve employers and workers. During her time as secretary, and earlier as deputy secretary for workforce development, she led the transformation of Pennsylvania's workforce system into a more demand-driven system that creates industry-led training strategies, promotes clearly defined career pathways, increases opportunities for residents, prepares youth for the careers of tomorrow and holds participants to rigorous accountability standards.

Pennsylvania also earned the State Excellence Award for Leadership for its Regional Career Education Partnerships for Youth, or RCEPs, initiative. RCEPs connect businesses, education and communities to prepare future workers. Pennsylvania's 22 RCEPs provide more than 323,000 students better opportunities to learn skills and work-based knowledge critical for success in college and careers.



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## KUDOS TO STAFF

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all the **CareerLink** staff who "do time" in the Career Resource Room. During the very busy month of September, our customers have turned in numerous "Job Seeker Customer Satisfaction Survey's" that give a "very satisfied" grade to the service rendered by **CareerLink** personnel. The following were recognized as offering "Friendly", "Helpful" and "Great" Customer Service to our customers:

**Donna Decker**  
**Julio Masdiaz**

**Janice Smith-Hughes**  
**Ken Oakman**

**Don Langlois**  
**Blanca Ortiz**



# TEAMOLOGY

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



## Meet the **NEW FACES** at **CAREERLINK...**



**Lani Culley and Julio Masdiaz** are the new CareerLink Specialists who came on board earlier this month. They both bring a wealth of experience and business knowledge to their new positions and have already been a strong presence in the Career Resource Room assisting our customers. We extend a BIG CareerLink Welcome, and wish both **Lani** and **Julio** much success!

## Administration TEAM

### HOW TO APPLY FOR EMPLOYMENT AT POCONO MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### To Register as a New User visit [www.pmsd.org](http://www.pmsd.org)

- Click **Employment** on top menu bar
- Scroll Down to Job Vacancies and click on the **Link to Pocono Mountain School District Job Applicant Center**
- Once in the Job Applicant Center, click on **Register For A New User Account**
- Complete the registration information to create your new account and click **Submit** (Keep your user name and password for future sign-in)
- Once you are registered, you are ready to apply for a position on-line!

#### Applying for an Open Position visit [www.pmsd.org](http://www.pmsd.org)

- Click **Employment** on top menu bar
- Scroll down to Job Vacancies and click on the **Link to Pocono Mountain School District Job Applicant Center**
- Scroll down to **"View Open Jobs"**
- Click on **Professional Vacancies or Support Vacancies**
- Then click on the desired position and complete the information required.

#### Required Clearances for Employment

- **ACT 34 Criminal Record Check**
- **ACT 151 Child Abuse Clearance**
- **ACT 114 FBI Federal Criminal History Record**



## Customer Information & Resource TEAM

**North Western PA Optical** will hold an **Eyeglass Clinic on Monday, October 5, 2009 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.** Income eligible individuals of all ages can get glasses for \$36 which includes new frames, lenses for single vision or lined bifocals. Call 1-800-901-1912 for an appointment. Walk-ins also accepted.



# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



## Pocono Produce

—Sales Representative  
-web 656551

## Carbon Monroe Pike MHMR

—Case Worker I  
-web 656591

—Case Worker II  
-web 656589



## Burnley Workshop of the Poconos

—Meals on Wheels Prep Cook  
-web 655913

## Davita Dialysis

—Registered Nurse I Dialysis  
-web 653613

## Loving Care Agency

—Home Health Aide  
-web 655335

—LPN or RN  
-web 655333



## A & M Capital Corp

—Junior Loan Officers  
-web 654012

## Writing on the Wall

**"The best way to gain  
self-confidence is to do what  
you are afraid to do."**

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



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