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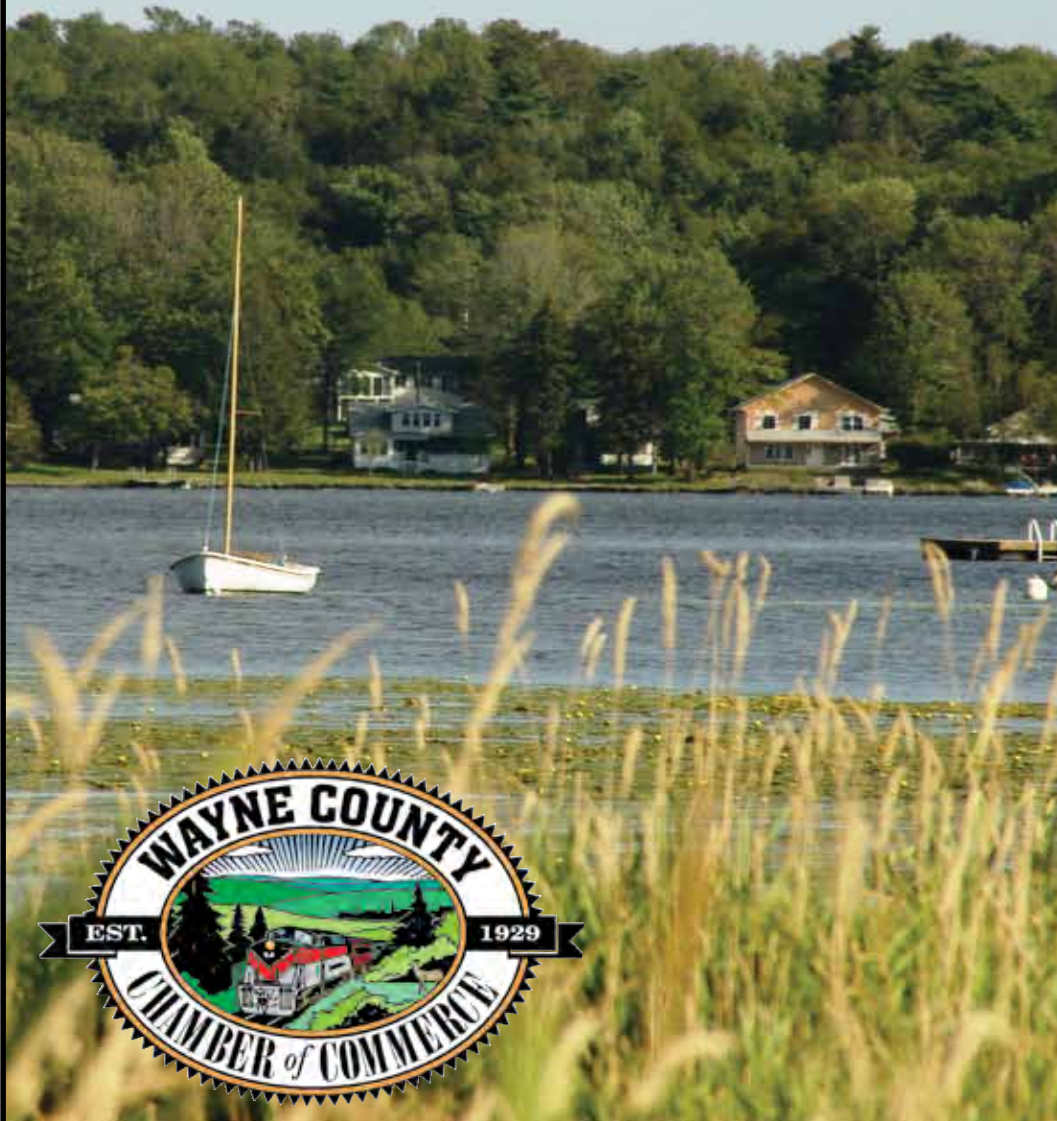
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Workforce Wayne

Workforce Wayne: Annual Meeting

On May 19, 2010, nearly 100 individuals attended the 4th Annual Meeting at Woodloch Springs. Of the 100 attendees there were Wayne/Pike County representatives from our four K-12 school districts, higher education, employment services, economic development and business leaders.

The agenda included Workforce Wayne, Jennifer Porter/Joann Hudak, Ed.D., and Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Dr. Clyde Hornberger. Focus was the accomplishments during the Wall Street West grant and sustainability forward, including the Career & Technical Center project status.

Dr. Hornberger outlined the progress

thus far on a Career and Technical Center for Pike and Wayne Counties. He discussed existing career and technical education opportunities versus potential career center program offerings, along with a proposed list of programs for a future Wayne/Pike center. Along with that, architectural renderings of a future building and the next steps for
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Commissioners Corner

You often hear the famous quote “When the going gets tough, the tough get going”. This old saying certainly applies to the people of Wayne County as we navigate our way through the most difficult work environment in years.

Many of the jobs now and in the future require a skilled worker. Often a 1 or 2 year degree or training program targeting a specific trade or skill set can greatly improve a person’s employability and clearly enhance someone’s earning potential. More people than ever before are definitely taking steps to help themselves by taking advantage of educational opportunities that are being made available in our area to continue or enhance an education.

The Wayne County Commissioners are pleased to be supporting the efforts of WEDCO, Wayne County Job Training and Workforce Wayne as they strive to enhance the delivery of practical work related training that can lead to a good job. Our local school districts, Wallenpaupack Area, Wayne Highlands and Western Wayne,

are cooperating with each other and Workforce Wayne to increase the number of career related courses. The schools now provide dual enrollment classes, offering college credits for students still attending high school. For example, one of our high schools had 27 students earn between 3 and 9 college credits during the current school year.

We are very excited about the expanding local presence of Lackawanna College with their announcement of a new campus at the Hawley Silk Mill complex. The same building will also house Misericordia University’s Center for Adult Continuing Education in conjunction with Lackawanna College. Northampton Community College and Luzerne County Community College have working agreements in place with our area high schools and Johnson College is looking at an expansion of their offerings into Wayne County. More people than ever before are clearly taking advantage of the educational opportunities that are being made available in our immediate area. The Wayne County Job Center

can often help dislocated or unskilled workers navigate into various employment training programs. Information about jobs and programs and training opportunities can be accessed at each location of the Wayne Library System. Now is the time to look into re-training if you are out of work or to plan ahead if you are a high school student beginning the process of finding a career that fits for your future.

With the continued cooperation of our high schools, WEDCO, Workforce Wayne, Wayne County Government, Wayne County Job Training, State Government, local Chambers of Commerce, the educational community and private industry the people of Wayne County will pull these perilous economic times. Those who prepare themselves for the careers of the future will enjoy higher incomes and a prosperous future along with the quality of life that Wayne County offers.

Anthony V. Herzog
Wayne County Commissioner

Tri-Chamber Business Card Exchange

For starters, Donna LaBar, Patty Blaum, and Debbie Gillette applaud Cove Haven Entertainment Resorts, Bold Gold Media Group, and the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees for providing a wonderful night of comradere and relaxing while networking with local business professionals. Scrumptious food and funny speakers made for an opportunity in which everyone could put deadlines, stresses of the work day and present economic strain behind them to mingle and laugh.

Additionally, they would like to thank the many businesses that donated door prizes, assisting in making the night a more festive event.

Vince Benedetto spoke with heartfelt words of the support they have received in going forward with some bold moves in order to meet the needs of Wayne County and of the dedicated staff which makes things happen at Bold Gold.

Gary Beilman was the big winner of the evening receiving a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees VIP ticket package.



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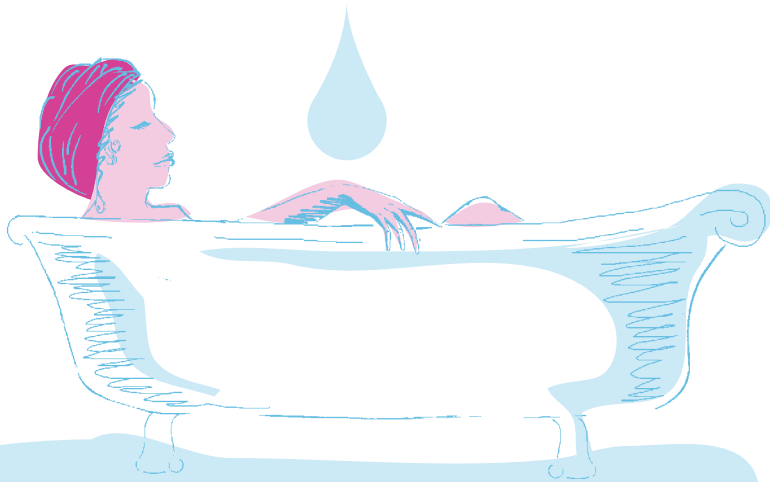
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Members in the Spotlight

Hip, hip, hooray...hip, hip, hooray... the Wallflower is celebrating 25 years in business. Joyce and Dean DeBastiani turned a small dream into a huge reality. "We started in 1985 in a small location and through the love, joy, and help of our many customers and friends we have evolved into one of Honesdale's anchor stores. We are blessed and want to say thank you to all who have supported us, we couldn't do it without YOU!" stated Joyce Keen DeBastiani, owner.

Come August 2010 the Hawley Silk Mill will be a buzz of activity. College and adult students will be gathering for classes at the new Lackawanna College-Lake Region Center where they will be offering a wide range of associate programs. Misericordia College, which is leasing space at the Lake Region

Center, will provide opportunities to achieve a bachelor degree in Business and in Professional Studies.

The Kiesendahl family could not have been prouder as Lackawanna College President, Ray Angeli, announced the dedication of the Hospitality Management and Tourism Program to the late Harry and Mary Kiesendahl, founders of Woodloch Pines Resort. Hospitality Management, Recreation Management and the Culinary Arts programs will be offered at the new Lackawanna College-Lake Region Center opening in Fall 2010. A true honor for a hard working couple who took their vision to the extreme and created the resort of resorts.

The American Cancer Society and The Dime Bank were at it again, raising big bucks for the fight against

cancer. Now-a-days, sadly, there is almost no family who has not been effected in some way by this terrible disease. The Dime Bank sponsored the 2010 Relay for Life held at the Lake Wallenpaupack Area High School on May 22 & 23 and was one of the 15 teams which walked for a 24-hour period. This year's relay raised \$65,656, which is to be commended considering the difficult economic times that many are facing. The Dime Bank donated \$3,000 and its team rose more than \$3,200. The Dime Bank and all the teams are to be commended for their dedication and hard work.

We couldn't be happier to congratulate the new managing editor of the News Eagle, Peter Becker. Back at his old stomping ground after 14 years, Peter plans to keep his readership abreast of the Lake Region news and events.

PMVB HONORS ONE OF OUR OWN



On Wednesday, May 12 Pocono Mountains Tourism Achievement Award winners were honored by the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau (PMVB) at a special luncheon, during the 16th Annual Pocono Mountains Tourism Day event at Mount Airy Casino Resort.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Annetta DeYoung, Train Manager of the Stourbridge Line Rail Excursions, for her dedication to managing the Wayne County Chamber, Visitor's Center and Rail Excursions. Netta organized, promoted and lobbied to keep this major attraction running. Approximately 24 excursions run annually from May through December introducing 10,000 plus people to Wayne County. Additionally, the Chamber showed tremendous growth during her 20 plus year tenure including a 60% increase in membership and the raise of the annual budget from \$32,000 to \$300,000.

We are so proud of your accomplishments,
CONGRATULATIONS, NETTA!

Workforce Wayne continued... the community were shared.

Attendees also had the opportunity to sign up for a future trip to the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, the Workforce Wayne Outreach Committee, Career & Technical Education Center Taskforce and the Pike/Wayne Business Education Partnership. If you are interested in any of the above,

please contact us.

Workforce Wayne would like to take this opportunity to thank those who participated and provided valuable input, and those who have invested in Workforce Wayne. To date, 69 organizations have signed onto Workforce Wayne's Community Compact Agreement, and Workforce Wayne has leveraged local investments totaling more

than \$55,000 to bring in \$220,000 in new state grant dollars since the beginning of 2010.

If you are interested in becoming involved in Workforce Wayne – The Pike/Wayne Business Education Partnership, please contact Jennifer Porter, Director of Workforce Initiatives, at 570-253-5334 or jporter@workforce-wayne.org

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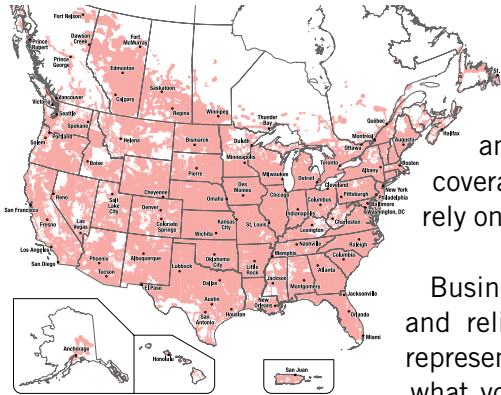
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