

## Five Recognized for 25 Years at HNB



Five employees, each with 25 years of service, were recognized at The Honesdale National Bank's Annual Employee Recognition Dinner held at Lukan's Farm Resort. David Raven, HNB President & CEO presided over the program. Board of Directors members Roger Dirlam and Paul Meagher were joined by Linda Miller, Collections Officer; Vicky Bryant, Data Processing Manager and Rebecca Gotthardt, Loan Documentation Specialist. In addition to their dinner, the employees each received a special gift that they chose from a selection of items available only for employees with 25 years of service. Pictured (l to r): Seated are Rebecca Gotthardt and Vicky Bryant. Standing are Linda Miller, David Raven, Paul Meagher and Roger Dirlam.

## Vandling Council

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### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brady suggested that people in areas of the borough that need street lighting should come and tell Council about it and they could look into having them installed.

Councilman Mayers said it needs to be discussed by Council first as to whether this is something they want to get involved in.

Mayor Brady said he has been approached by a number of people asking for lights and they have been ignored.

Councilman John Carachilo asked that Council consider getting a proposal from Northeast Inspection Consultants. They are a team of professional building and safety inspectors and consultants working and providing Uniform Construction Code inspection services for the cities and municipalities.

Currently Vandling uses Building Inspection Underwriters and they have an exclusive contract with them which means that until the contract expires they can not have two code inspection companies for the borough.

Councilman Mayers said they will need to look at the fee structure for NEC.

Councilman Carachilo asked if homeowners are allowed to put drain pipes in front of their properties. He has spoken with several who need to.

Councilman Bill Boyle said they need to have some guidance before they can tell homeowners to go ahead and put them in. They need to find out the size requirements and need assurance that water won't go on someone else's property.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Glavich came to Council to complain about the property next to him with overhanging weeds. He provided a photo to Council and asked if the changes made that night to the weed ordinance can be used in this case. Council said they would talk to the code enforcement officer.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 19 at 7 PM.

## 250th Anniversary of Anthracite Events Listing

The following is a list of events celebrating the 250th anniversary of anthracite coal mining:

Oct. 24 - "A Scarcity of Caskets." Lecture on the 1918 Influenza Epidemic at the Catlin House, Scranton. Call 570-344-3841 for info.

Nov. 8 - Lackawanna Historical Society Annual dinner, 6 p.m. in the Anthracite Center, Carbondale. Open to the public. 570-344-3841

Nov. 30 - Anthracite Heritage Museum's Grand Finale: "The Anthracite Photographers" and "Photographers of Anthracite" show opening. 570-963-4804, McDade Park.

## Chicken 'n biscuit dinner Nov. 6

The Clifford United Methodist Church, Main Street, Clifford, will hold a chicken-n-biscuit or ham dinner on Tues., Nov. 6, from 4-6 p.m. It will be take-out or dine-in. Donation is \$9.95, and includes dinner, drink & dessert.

## Unico Holiday Shopping event Sun., Nov. 18

The Carbondale Chapter of UNICO National will be hosting a holiday shopping event, All Wrapped Up, on November 18, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Hotel Anthracite, 25 South Main St. downtown Carbondale. Over 25 vendors will be on hand with a selection of unique items for sale, just in time for holiday shopping.

A lovely holiday setting, Italian cookie bar, beverages and potables, entertainment and meriment. The All Wrapped UP: Holiday Shopping Extravaganza is a great way to spend an afternoon with friends, while looking for a special holiday gift.

Vendors include hand-crafted items, jewelry, clothing, home items, cigars, wine, chocolates, soaps, and much more. A basket raffle and door prizes are also a part of the event. A special treat is the all you can eat home made cookie bar. Beverages are provided by the hotel for a fee. Frankie Gervasi, local entertainer, will provide holiday music and sing alongs.

Bring your friends and spend an afternoon in downtown Carbondale. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door or from a member of Carbondale UNICO. This event supports charities in Carbondale.

## Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

The Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness Committee announces the monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Wayne Memorial Hospital, 601 Park Street, Honesdale, and beginning at 7 PM. The meeting will take place in Conference Room #3, 2nd floor (take the Orange elevator "A").

The support group is a positive support time to help deal with suicide and loss of a loved one. We wish to invite individuals 16 years of age and older to attend the meeting.

Our 2018 Awareness Walk was held on Saturday, September 29, 2018. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2018 walk and those who donated raffle prizes and baskets.

For more information please contact Ms. Michelle Valinski at 570-253-9200. Please note, in case of inclement weather the support group will not meet. Volunteers are welcome to service on the Wayne/Pike Suicide Committee also by contacting Ms. Valinski.

## Chili-fest at Comm. Bible Church Oct. 27

The Annual Fall Chili-fest will be held at the Community Bible Church Ministry Center on Saturday, October 27th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Along with the great tastes from firehouse hot to cool and mild chili's will be the sylvan sounds of the Skylands' Dulcimer String Band. Originating in New Jersey, the five member ensemble plays a mix of traditional, folk, Celtic, popular and seasonal music. So, you may hear a piece by Bach followed by a Lennon/McCartney tune, then a combination of Celtic melodies. Community Bible Church is located at 1700 Heart Lake Road, Route 107. Directions to the church are on www.facebook.com/CBCGreenfieldTwp. PA

## Porketta Dinner at Mt. Carmel Church Oct. 28

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church will hold a porketta dinner on Sun. Oct. 28, starting at 4 p.m.

The cost is \$10 and take outs are available.

## Nurse's Pantry at Susq. School District



Pictured are, left to right, Elizabeth Mattis, school nurse and Superintendent Bronson Stone. Susquehanna Community School District Superintendent, Bronson Stone announces the new "Nurse's Pantry" initiative launched with help from the United Way of Susquehanna County. The initiative will help "economically disadvantaged" children by providing support in education, health, and financial stability.

## 13th Mt. View Distinguished Alumni Dinner

The Distinguished Alumni Dinner/Program will be held on Sat, Nov. 3 at the Montdale Country Club. Social reception at 5PM with Dinner at 6PM, followed by the Program.

Program Honorees will be: Richard Masters, MVHS 1967, Jane Knowlton Wessner, MVHS 1974, Kenneth Decker, MVHS 1978, Nicole Carpenetti Maponga, MVHS 1992 and Bobby Robbins, MVHS 2002.

Mt. View students presenting our honorees: Makenzie Bell, Matthew Dougherty, Sydney Newhart, Katie Tracy and Madison Williams.

Buffet Dinner: \$25/per person - \$10/children 6-12 yrs. old

Reservations due : Oct. 26. Please call Diane Witko 570-222-2384

Come join the Alumni Assoc. in honoring these five graduates for their accomplishments in business, education, medical research, leadership, sports and community service.

## Trip to Radio City Music Hall Mon., Nov. 26

On Monday, November 26th, Lynnette's Twirllette's will host a trip to New York City. There will be a 2 p.m. show, 2nd mezzanine seats with popcorn and a drink at Radio City Music Hall for its Christmas show.

It will be roundtrip with Martz Bus transportation from Carbondale, driver's tip and free time in NYC for \$117 per person. Contact Lynnette 570-281-9797

## Carbondale hosts Swansea Valley Choir Sat., Oct. 28

The Carbondale Historical Society is pleased to announce the Swansea Valley Male Choir on Sat., Oct. 28th. The choir brings the gifts of song, heritage, and tradition from the Swansea valleys to the communities that the Welsh helped create through coal, iron, and culture.

Historical Society President, Dr. S. Robert Powell, has recently published the last 4 volumes of the history of the D & H Canal Co. Gravity Railroad and sponsoring concerts by a Welsh choir adds an entertaining cultural dimension to the society's accomplishments that is historically appropriate.

The choir will perform in the following locations:

Carbondale Methodist Church, Sat., Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

Western Wayne H.S. Sun., Oct. 29, 7 p.m.

Special guests: Western Wayne HS Marching Band

Valley View H.S., Mon., Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

## Gun Raffle in Thompson Sat., Oct. 27

A Gun Raffle will be held on Sat, Oct. 27th at the Thompson Fire Hall. Tickets are \$20 and includes Food and Drink. There will be Basket Raffles, 50/50, & a side raffle of another gun. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Anyone wanting to donate a basket or purchase a ticket can call 570-442-1107. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Visit www.thompsonhoseco.com for more information

## "Faith Matters"

What's It Going to Take?

We live in a day of turmoil in our nation. For several years we've had one party attempting to impede the efforts of the other. We have a growing divide between rich and poor, right and left, growth and stagnation. An 80 plus year old minister told me that in all his years he has never seen the likes of what has happened with a Supreme Court nomination.

The internet has allowed people to share their ideas and causes instantly. But what happens? Do we become knowledgeable about all sides of an issue? No, we find voices like ours that reinforce what we believe and allow us to ignore any other points of view. We have media that seems to be slanted either to the left or the right. The news used to present the facts and allow us to draw our own conclusions. Now most news is editorialized to support the views of the source.

Should we vote? Yes, it's our duty as citizens. But will our vote put politicians on notice that we expect statesmanship and putting the Annual Medicare Open Enrollment Oct. 15 to Dec. 7

The Annual Medicare Open Enrollment period (AOEP) will take place from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. This is an opportunity for Medicare beneficiaries to review any changes and choose the coverage that will best suit their needs.

The Apprise program, Pennsylvania's State Health Insurance Assistance Program, has counselors available to Medicare beneficiaries for assistance with plan comparisons, and to ensure individuals' insurance and prescription drug plan needs will be met in the coming year.

The Apprise program will be holding open enrollment events on Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and Nov. 26 at the Susquehanna County Area Agency on Aging, 157 Spruce St. Montrose. These events are free, confidential, and open to all Medicare beneficiaries. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 1-800-634-3746.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please call your local B/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. office at 1-800-634-3746.

needs of the whole nation first? I doubt it. I long for the day when politicians stand up and tell us what they believe, not sling mud at their opponents. Hardly happens nowadays.

Will our nation become so fractured that nothing will unite us? Or will a war come that takes life away and brings no resolution to our growing divide from other parts of the world? Can we learn to be civil with those we disagree with? Or are we doomed to continue to be pulled downward by distrust and negativism? What's it going to take?

I believe that it's going to take more than people alone can accomplish. So, what's it going to take?

For those who are believers the answer is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV):

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

It's not easy to humble ourselves in this day when self-promotion is so popular. It's not easy to pray, partly because in doing so we acknowledge that we are not in charge, that we are dependent upon God. It's not easy to seek God's face. Doing so is a lifestyle of putting God and His will first. Perhaps the most striking and difficult step is turning from our wicked ways. Most of us see sin in others but fail to see it in ourselves.

Our nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, yet America has become a place where "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 17:6 (ESV)). This cannot continue if we are to prosper as a blessed and sensible people. I can't change what's happening in our nation. You can't change what is happening in our nation. The politicians won't change what's happening. What's it going to take? God's people humbling themselves, seeking God, and turning from their wicked ways, so our land can be healed.

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