

# Susq. Co. Comm. MaryAnn Warren seeks re-election

MaryAnn Warren, Susquehanna County Commissioner, announces her intention to seek re-election to continue to serve the residents of Susquehanna County. "It has been my honor to serve as your County Commissioner for the last 15 years," said Warren. "I believe in working as a team player, with the best interests of the residents first - putting people above politics. I am proud of our current projects and all that we have been able to accomplish in Susquehanna County, but I also believe there is more work to be done which is why I am running for re-election."



MaryAnn Warren

During her time as Commissioner, Warren has represented Susquehanna County in numerous leadership positions. These have included: serving as the Vice-President and President of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, continuing to be a Commission Member of the Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission and Advisory Board Member on Pennsylvania Emergency Food Assistance Program. She serves you locally on the following boards and committees, the Lackawanna/Susquehanna Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention, Susquehanna County Conservation District, Trehab, B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, CEO Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank Advisory Committee and the Susquehanna County Food Council and is a passionate advocate for Farmland Preservation program. In an effort to aid local families as they care for our elderly population, she continues to work with a local organization, State legislator, and the State's Department of Aging to bring 'adult day care' to the County. This, as well as a centrally located well equipped public safety building, high speed internet access for all residents and readily available substance abuse resources are priority concerns for the current team of Commissioners.

Warren has been the driving force of the creation of the Suicide Awareness Initiative, Susquehanna County Resource Day, the Substance Abuse and Recovery Initiative and the Susquehanna County App. She is fortunate to work with her past and current colleagues who agree that these identified needs require securing and sharing more resources. These services are a direct benefit to County residents in need. She wholeheartedly supported and advocated for Trehab's Community Resource Center which recently opened in November and will serve as the Chair of the Advisory Committee for this much needed resource.

Recognizing the need to get important news and information out to County residents in a timely fashion, MaryAnn utilizes her Commissioner Facebook page daily. News, public announcements, and updates are frequently passed along to residents using social media. Also on Facebook, she has created and maintains the Susquehanna County Suicide Awareness Initiative and Susquehanna County Conservation District pages as well as the newly created Substance Abuse and Recovery Initiative page.

Warren has worked with four different teams of Commissioners to be fiscally responsible with your tax dollars. There have been no County tax increases for the years, 2006 through 2019. With the increasing size of our elderly population and lower paying jobs in the County being taken

into consideration, she has voted for no salary increase for County Commissioners, 2014 through 2021, and for all elected officials to continue to pay more toward their health insurance. Susquehanna County is one of few counties in the Commonwealth to have no debt and also has a fully funded pension fund. Susquehanna County has also undergone major upgrades to County facilities using Act 13 money to provide a safer work environment, maintain ADA compliance, and allow for additional cost savings to taxpayers. Warren maintains an open door policy and offers Community Outreach hours in Forest City one afternoon a month.

Ms. Warren's many years of public service go beyond her County duties. In the past, she has volunteered her time in the local community as a New Milford Borough Councilperson, appointed New Milford Borough Auditor, tutored for the County Literacy Program, Tiger Cub Coach and CubMaster for Cub Scout Pack 90, Pratt Memorial Library Storyhour, New Milford Parks Association and more recently, a member of Friends of Susquehanna County, the New Milford Rec Board and the Stone Bridge Lions Club.

MaryAnn has been a resident of New Milford Borough for the last 25 years. She and her husband, Tom have two sons, Matthew and Bradley.

"I truly believe that Susquehanna County needs proven strong leadership that is not afraid to make tough decisions. I pledge to continue to be the Commissioner who puts people above politics and a good steward of tax dollars for our hard working residents. Susquehanna County is a great place to live, work, play and be educated. I humbly ask for the consideration of your support and vote, so I can continue to work every day for you and everyone else, who are proud to call Susquehanna County their home," said Warren.

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Elliot and Kim Ross' attorney Ed Neyhart asked Maglicane, "Do you have experience dealing with people who are intoxicated and under narcotics?" Maglicane said yes. Neyhart asked if he had experience responding to a recovery center. Maglicane said no. Neyhart asked, "Is your testimony that a drug recovery center shouldn't be located in the 92 square miles?" Maglicane said yes. Neyhart said, "Would it be fair to say you have no experience responding to a drug treatment center?" Maglicane said yes. Neyhart asked, "Do you have experience responding to calls at a detox, residential or PHP facility?" Maglicane said no. Neyhart said, "Do you know what a PHP or partial PHP is or have experience with it?" Maglicane said no. Neyhart said, "If someone put a nursing home in the area, would there be a chance of increased calls?" Maglicane said yes. Neyhart said, "Is the response time for ALS higher here than for the rest of the county?" Maglicane said, "I can't say. There is an ALS unit at Barnes-Kasson and they respond to the north side of Elk."

Zelinka asked Maglicane how many vehicles Pleasant

Mount Emergency Services has? Maglicane said they have two tanker trucks, a brush truck and an ambulance. Zelinka asked how a 911 operator determines if a call is an ALS or BLS call. Maglicane said they have a checklist. Zelinka asked which ALS unit responds to the area. Maglicane said Cottage Hose responds south of Route 374 and north of Route 374, Barnes-Kasson.

## QUESTIONING

Jennifer Burman said, asking as a planning commission member, how many people are needed to be on a crew. Maglicane said one driver and one EMT. If no one is available, mutual aid from another company is dispatched with Clifford being the second to be called and Forest City the third. Burman asked how far Clifford is from Elk and if they are volunteer or paid. Maglicane said nine miles and they are all volunteer. She asked if Forest City are volunteers. He said they are paid in the daytime and volunteer at night. She asked what would happen if Cottage Hose is tied up. Maglicane said, "Lackawanna 911 would look at a map for the closest available unit. It could be Lake Winola, Scran-

ton, etc." Kurt Schultz said, "In 2006, my mother-in-law had a heart attack. I called 911 and it took Pleasant Mount 1 hour and 17 minutes to respond. She had already passed away. If I have a heart attack or there is a life-threatening call and you are responding to a call ½ mile away at Stone Bridge, what is the priority?" Maglicane said, "It depends on severity of the call at Stonebridge. The comm center could dispatch BLS from Clifford. Could be another 20 minutes, maybe more to get there."

Ralph May asked, "If you are at Stone Bridge and you are waiting for the state police and have a equivalent problem being called in, what would happen?" Maglicane said, "If a life-threatening call comes in, 911 would call a BLS unit." Neyhart asked, "Do you respond to Elk, for a bar fight, etc? Does that take time away from responding?" Maglicane said yes. Neyhart said, "So, any other call can take away from response to other people?" Maglicane said, "Yes, but Elk has ALS stationed on a busy day."

Part 2 will appear in next week's edition

# Dimeco, Inc. Announces 2018 Earnings

Dimeco, Inc. (OTC Pink: DIMC), the holding company for The Dime Bank, released unaudited financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. Dimeco, Inc.'s 2018 net income of \$8 million increased \$2.6 million, or 47.8%, over income reported for 2017. Net interest income of \$25.1 million showed an increase of 3.8% over the year before as interest rates increased during 2018.

Also contributing to the net income increase is the favorable federal tax rate changes that began in 2018. At this income level, the return on average assets was 1.21% and the return on average equity was 10.48%, an increase of 45.8% and

43.6%, respectively, from the 2017 ratios.

Dimeco, Inc.'s balance sheet ended the year with total assets of \$694.8 million at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$39.3 million, or 6.0%, from the balance at the end of 2017. Deposit growth remained steady throughout the year with total deposits increasing \$34.2 million or 6.9%, finishing the year at \$532.4 million.

The loan portfolio increased nearly \$13 million, or 2.50%, from balances the year prior, to end the year at \$523.3 million. Loan asset quality continued to improve with a decline of 29.5% in the non-performing assets to total assets ratio, ending the year at

1.36% while net charge-offs to average loans declined 103.0%. The allowance for loan losses as a percent of loans was 4.0% greater than a year earlier, ending the year at 1.55%.

President and Chief Executive Officer Gary C. Beilman noted, "In spite of the attractiveness of the securities market, customers increased their deposits with us. Also, the loan portfolio grew handsomely in the fourth quarter of 2018. We attained the highest total assets in Dimeco's history at almost \$695 million."

Dividends increased 8.6% in 2018 as compared to 2017, amounting to \$1.14 per share for 2018. The market value of shares was \$40.75 at December 31, 2018, 14.8% higher than the December 31, 2017 price.

The Dime Bank is a full service financial institution serving Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Bank trades on the OTC Pink Marketplace under symbol "DIMC", operated by OTC Markets Group. For more information on Dimeco, Inc. and The Dime Bank, visit [www.thedimebank.com](http://www.thedimebank.com).

# FC Library Bulletin

Winter has arrived, and it's the perfect time to curl up with a good book or movie. So check out the newest additions at the Forest City Library.

Adult Fiction: "The Winter Soldier" by Daniel Mason, "The Clockmaker's Daughter" by Kate Morton, "The Witch Elm" by Tana French, "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty, and "The Boy" by Tami Hoag.

Adult Non-Fiction: "The Rise" by Danette May, "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean, "Almost Everything" by Anne Amott, "Homebody" by Joanna Gaines, and "Even the Monsters" by Daryl Potter.

DVDs: "Tai Chi Fit over 50," "Peppermint," "Christopher Robin," "Hotel Transylvania 3," "Descendant 2," "I Believe," "Downsizing," "Searching," "Mamma Mia Here we go Again," and "Incredibles 2."

Junior Elementary: "Splatter" by Dianer Alber, "Alma and How she got her Name" by Juana Martinez-Neal, "Peek and Seek" by Charlotte Milner, "Do you Believe in Unicorns" by Bethanie Deeney Murguia, and "Eraser" by Anna Kang.

Juniors: "The Truth as told by Mason Burtles" by Leslie Connor, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid, the Meltdown" by Jeff Kinney, "Dog Man Brawl of the Wild" by Dav Pilkey, and "The House with Chicken Legs" by Sophie Anderson.

We are also looking to start a spring story hour program for children ages 3-6 to be held every other week on a Mon. or Wed. If interested call 570-785-5590 to sign up. Happy Winter!

# Supper at Equinunk Sat., Feb. 16

The Equinunk United Methodist Church on Lordville Rd., Equinunk, invites everyone to a Covered Dish Supper on Sat., Feb. 16, in the church basement.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and dinner begins at 6:00. Bring a dish to share.

The snow date is February 23. For more info call 570-224-6361.

# Mt. View School Receives Grant



Heather Larkin, Occupational Therapist in the Mt. View School District, was presented a fine arts grant at the school board meeting on January 28.

She explained that many children are entering kindergarten with a lack of experience and exposure to fine motor crafts, games, activities, and play.

Some researchers are equating this to the advancement in technology, family lifestyles, and the lack of play outdoors in nature.

Mrs. Larkin's plan is to use the funds to help purchase a storage system and supplies for the kindergarten classrooms that encourage the development of fine motor skills needed for handwriting, coloring, cutting, and drawing.

The presentation of the grant was made by Ellen Holdredge, ed support chair of the Susquehanna Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) on behalf of the membership. PASR is pleased to support public education in all Susquehanna County schools.

Pictured above left to right: Ellen Holdredge, PASR, Heather Larkin, MVSD Occupational Therapist, Jason Richmond, MVSD School Board President, Karen Voight, MVSD Superintendent.

# Vendor Reg. Open For 2nd Annual Craft Fair Picnic

Craft or trade vendors are invited to display and sell their wares, as well as perform demonstrations, for attendees of the Second Annual Craft Fair Picnic presented by the Senior Centers of B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. to be held in July. The past year's Craft Fair Picnic hosted over 100 attendees and allowed for great exposure for local craft businesses.

Interested vendors are asked to call Pamela DeRose, Susquehanna County Senior Center Director, at 570-278-3751 for more information or to register. Vendors are kindly asked to bring their own table and table covering, as well as provide a \$10.00 fee for their participation.

The B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging; the United Way of Bradford County; the Lycoming County United Way; the United Way of Susquehanna County and the Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Tioga County Commissioners. For additional information on Area Agency on Aging services, please call 1-800-982-4346.

# C'dale Jr. Charger "Adult Night Out" Sat., Mar. 16

The Carbondale Jr. Charger Association presents, "Adult Night Out," at The Moxie Club, 80 Orchard St., Carbondale, on Sat. Mar. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m.

The event will be a St. Patrick's Day theme and will offer food, music, open bar, and door prizes.

Cost is \$35 pp or \$60 a couple. For tickets call Jeff 570-280-6161 or Joy at 570-259-6466

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**Help Wanted**

Full time Project Manager position available immediately with the Susquehanna County Housing/Redevelopment Authority to manage William Penn Apartments located in Forest City and Harford Village Apartments located in Harford PA. Applicants must have **strong computer experience** and be familiar with Microsoft Office programs, along with accounting experience and strong communication skills. College degree preferred. Travel to other SCHRA offices in the county may be required. Send resume or apply in person at 33 Public Avenue, Montrose, PA 18801. Phone 570-278-4096. Applications will be accepted until Friday February 15, 2019. Susquehanna County Housing/Redevelopment Authority is an equal opportunity employer.

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