

* School Affairs and People in the News *

Dime Bank Celebrates Employee Milestones



Each year The Dime Bank holds a dinner celebration to acknowledge and honor their employees who are celebrating five-year incremental career anniversaries. In 2020, The Dime Bank is celebrating the milestones of 27 individuals marking 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 35 years with the bank.

The anniversary celebrants with years of tenure in brackets are pictured in the above collage: Eileen Jaggers (35), Pamela Kerber Gehman (25), Julene McGraw (25), Suzanne Mansfield (20), Deborah Unflat (20), Amy Burke (15), Thomas Didato (15), Mary Carol Hanis (15), Bryan Rupp (15), Victoria DiGiuseppe (10), Jaimie Fiebigger (10), Meghan Gibbons (10), Michael Borick (5), Tina Geer (5), David Jones (5), Nancy Mead (5), Kimberly Steinberg (5), Viktoria Thompson (5).

Not pictured: Janette Davis (25), Lawrence Bush (15), Donna Vogel (15), Connie Wilson (15), Chase Holl (10), Diane Christopher-Riefler (5), Cheryl Holmquist (5), Robert Karoscik (5), Gary Schemel II (5).

Master Gardener Program to be Offered Virtually

Have you always wanted to become a Master Gardener but never thought you had the time to attend classes? This is the year to make that goal a reality! Due to the current COVID circumstances the Master Gardener Basic Training in Susquehanna County will now be held virtually!

Live classes for the training begin Thurs., Oct. 1 from 6 to 8:15 p.m. and continue every Thursday evening (except holidays) until early Spring.

Trainees will need access to a computer and reliable Internet, and will be trained by experts from across the state. Sessions will be recorded, and trainees will have the opportunity to ask questions directly and participate in polling questions.

If you are interested, applications are available by contacting the Penn State Extension Master Gardener program of Susquehanna County by emailing (susquehannamg@psu.edu) or vhl5027@psu.edu or calling the office at 570-666-9003. You may also access a printable application online at: <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/join/master-gardener-application>. You can also fill out a quick and easy online application at: https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eLGIhBwImgK1SnP

SCCTC Prioritizes Safety for Students

Normally, the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center (SCCTC) open house would begin with all students meeting in the auditorium of Elk Lake High School. But COVID-19 has changed that.

Temperature checks, safe distancing and mask wearing was how the center conducted tours in their modified open house event which began on July 15, and undoubtedly, the upcoming school year will be quite different too, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students at the event seemed to take the modifications in stride, and concentrate more on getting to know the programs they enrolled in, and checking out the labs and amenities, the school has to offer.

Interested students and parents should apply first online via their respective school's websites and are welcome to check out more than one program in a visit. To learn more about what SCCTC has to offer, interested readers can log on to www.scctc-school.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

A person uses approximately fifty-seven sheets of toilet paper each day?

Area Agency on Aging Seeking Volunteers

The Ombudsman Program of B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging has been making sure the needs of residents of long-term care facilities are met. The ten local Volunteer Ombudsman serving the program have been asked to call at least one resident in their assigned long term care facility weekly. The information gathered in these calls is related back to the staff Ombudsman and recorded in a state database to make sure concerns are addressed as they arise.

Volunteer Ombudsman were also asked to gather stories from residents in long term care. These stories are meant to capture the feelings around the COVID-19 pandemic from a resident's point of view.

For now, local meetings are held virtually to keep volunteers safe while still allowing for communication and fostering understanding.

The Volunteer Ombudsman Program of B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging is currently looking for more dedicated advocates. Please call 1-800-982-4346 for more information.

Cancer Benefit for Aileen & Audrey Shay Aug. 15

A cancer benefit will be held for Aileen and Audrey Shay on Sat., Aug. 15 from noon to 4 PM at the Gibson Grange Hall, Rte.92 in Gelatt.

A chicken BBQ and basket raffle will be offered to help raise money for medical bills and expenses. The cost of the meal is \$12 for dinner or \$7 for a half. Pre-order is recommended.

Due to COVID-19, the chicken BBQ will be roadside pickup. The basket raffle will be held inside and masks are required. Social distancing and capacity limiting will also be practiced. Call 570-727-2995 or 570-756-2958 for more information or to order BBQ tickets.

Mt. Pleasant & Ararat Land Parcels Added to Pa. Game Lands

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners recently approved a host of land acquisitions to state game lands including tow in this area.

Among the approved acquisitions are 189 acres in two different parcels in Mount Pleasant Township and Ararat Township.

*The first is the acquisition of more than 154 acres in Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne County, by donation from Regency Marcellus Gas Gathering LLC. The land is an indenture into State Game Lands 159, with access provided from Creamton Drive. Regency has offered to donate the land as replacement habitat to mitigate for lost wildlife resources and recreational values stemming from natural gas pipeline work on State Game Lands 12 in Sullivan and Bradford counties.

*The second is an acquisition of more than 35 acres in Ararat Township, Susquehanna County, by donation from The Conservation Fund. The land is an indenture into State Game Lands 236, with access provided from Ridge Road. The Conservation Fund, acting as a conservation agent, is acquiring the property with funding provided by Williams Companies for voluntary mitigation as a result of impacts associated with the Constitution Pipeline project in Susquehanna County.

Keller Awarded Spirit of Enterprise Award

Congressman Fred Keller (R-PA) recently announced he has been awarded the "Spirit of Enterprise" Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for supporting pro-business legislation from January 2019 through January 2020.

According to the U.S. Chamber, the award not only recognizes Congressman Keller's work in support of American businesses, but working across the aisle while doing so.

On receiving the "Spirit of Enterprise" Award, Keller made the following statement:

"The best form of economic stimulus—in both good and bad times is a steady job and one cannot be pro-jobs and anti-business. Having worked in the private sector for over two decades, including running my own small business, before getting elected to office I know the importance of lawmakers supporting pro-business legislation that gets government out of the way and allows the ingenuity of the American entrepreneur to grow our tremendous economy.

"Now more than ever, we need folks at all levels of government that understand the role business plays in creating the great American comeback and will work to open our economy swiftly and safely.

"I thank the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for recognizing my bipartisan work in 2019 in support American businesses while in Congress and I will continue to support business growth, economic development, and sensible deregulation to keep America's economy growing."

Pet of the Week



Bella will be 8 years old on June 21st. she lives with Anthony and Sheri DELL'AQUILA AKA Elegante Restaurant, in Forest City

Historic Dennis Farm Gets Grant



The Dennis Farm, a rare historic site located in Susquehanna County, has been chosen as a 2020 grant recipient of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) through its African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund. The farm was settled in Brooklyn Township over 225 years ago by a free African American family whose direct descendants have retained stewardship of the property to the present day.

The grant will be used the restoration of the Dennis Farmhouse into a museum.

Bryant Mem. Fund Accepting Grant Applications

The Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund at the Wayne County Community Foundation will award grant monies to people with physical or developmental disabilities or nonprofit community organization projects this spring.

The purpose of the Fund is to assist Wayne County citizens, with special needs or developmental disabilities, or local nonprofit organizations improve their local communities. Organizations can nominate individuals by filling out the grant application and noting the specific need and associated costs.

Return completed applications, with documented needs, to the Wayne County Community Foundation office by Fri., Aug. 28. Winners will be notified by Friday, Sept. 4.

Grant applications are available upon request or may be downloaded from the Wayne County Community Foundation website (www.waynefoundation.org - go to the section on "Grantmaking" then "Grant Guidelines-General").

Questions about the application process can be directed to the Wayne County Community Foundation at 570.251.9993 or info@waynefoundation.org.

Wayne County Food Pantry August Dates

The Lakewood Food Pantry at the Northern Wayne Health Center, 412 Como Road, Lake Como will hold their August distributions on Wed., Aug. 19, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

To receive food assistance from the Wayne County Food Pantry, call the Area Agency on Aging Office at 570-253-4262 to register or visit www.WayneCountyPA.gov.

Baby Boomer Contributions Recognized

From the invention of the World Wide Web, to disposable cellphones, the contributions of the Baby Boomer generation have helped to shape a more prosperous world for half a century or more. Those are a few examples of the major innovations that have had an immeasurable impact on our society at large, but the everyday contributions of the generation may be considered even more impactful.

Everyday boomers are serving our communities through advocacy, charity, and volunteerism. Without the countless hours given, many worthy causes would go unnoticed, and the needs of many may go unnoticed. While B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. takes the month of August to specifically recognize this great generation, we are grateful year-round.

Are you a Baby Boomer interested in giving back to your community? Call B/S/ST Area Agency on Aging, Inc. at 1-800-982-4346.

Thompson UM Church End of Summer Celebration

The Thompson United Methodist Church will be having their END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION on Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be: Garage Sale, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, and Vendors

A Chicken BBQ (\$10 dinner; \$6 half) will be takeout only. To preorder chicken BBQ or to reserve a vendor space, please call Dolores Stone at (570) 727-2158.

Please visit Thompson United Methodist Church's Facebook page for more information.

Masks and social distancing will be required, and CDC guidelines will be followed.

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4 Chestnut Street, Montrose
570-278-9120

The Supplemental "Advisory Council Meeting for Wayne County Area Agency on Aging is scheduled for: Monday August 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

In light of the public health risks associated with COVID-19, we will conduct the Advisory Committee Meeting via a conference call.

Dial in Number: 1-570-253-5535 Conference Code: 904-376-56#

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