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NTRPDC update

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Health Care Awareness Week Celebrated



James Guffey, Ryan Hotaling, Anthony Ventello, Chance Cook, and Allie Olsen were honored for their essays about "Becoming a Healthcare Hero."

Five 10th grade students from Towanda Junior/Senior High School earned top honors from an essay contest held in November as part of Pennsylvania's Health Careers Week celebration. "Become a Health Care Hero" was a part of the sixth annual Pennsylvania Health Careers Week celebration.

The contest was part of a week long celebration that included health career fairs held in Towanda, Dimock, and Wellsboro schools. All aimed at raising awareness and interest in Pennsylvania's high-demand health care careers, which have competitive wages and provide

opportunities for advancement. Allie Olsen took top honors with a submission that illustrated how becoming a nurse can make someone a hero. Second place honors went to Anthony Ventello, James Guffey took third place, Ryan Hotaling fourth place and Chance Cook fifth place. In addition, Ms. Olsen went on to win Pennsylvania's statewide essay contest and was honored in Harrisburg.

Health Care Awareness Week is a way to help Pennsylvania meet its need for qualified health care professionals by educating high school students and community about an exciting career option they may not have known was available to them.

Upcoming Workshops

Making Sense of Your Dollars and Cents

Lunch & Learn series for small businesses. Learn how to improve your financial savvy.

April 3, Montrose

April 10 Laporte

April 24 Mansfield

Locations TBA

\$10 without lunch \$20 with, 12noon—2pm

LTAP Training—Drainage

Training for municipalities. Covers types of facilities, materials, structures, uses, installation and maintenance.

April 24th, 8am—2pm

Silver Lake Township Building

LUTED Regional Summit

February 29th, 8am—12noon

Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, Sayre

Call 1-888-868-8800 or e-mail bartholomew@northerntier.org for more information and to register for all events.

Hoffman-New Yorker Receives Market Access Grant

The grant will help support the company's large investment in trade shows in China. Sales to China are an important and growing share of the company's operation and critical to help retain jobs at their facility in Dushore, Sullivan County. For more information on Market Access Grants, contact Chad Rimbey, Export Development Program Manager by e-mailing rimbey@northerntier.org

Recent Loan Closings

Six loans totaling \$546,000 were closed in November and December.



The Wiseman Farm in Windham Township, Bradford County, used proceeds from their loan to install a state of the art robotic milking equipment.

- \$152,000 First Industries Fund agricultural loan to **Vin-Deb Dairy** in Warren Township, Bradford County for acquisition costs.
- \$111,000 First Industries Fund agriculture loan to **Maple Knoll Farm** in Jackson Township, Tioga County for building and equipment.
- \$88,000 First Industries Fund agricultural loan to **Wiseman Farm** in Windham Township, Bradford County for building expansion and equipment.
- \$50,000 micro-loan to **Sears (Barnes & Hipple)** in Wysox to help with acquisition costs.
- \$100,000 Five Star Loan to **Oak Hill Veneer** in Troy, Bradford County for equipment purchase.
- \$45,000 micro-loan to **Buckheit Funeral/ Crematory** in Mansfield, Tioga County for building expansion.

These loan funds will create or retain a total of 100 full time jobs and three part time jobs. The funds helped to leverage \$1,144,000 in private investment.

Grants Awarded

Eight grants totaling \$325,000 were awarded in November and December

- \$25,000 DCED Local Government Grant to Laporte Township, Sullivan County for a truck.
- \$10,000 DCED Community Revitalization Grant to Elkland Township, Sullivan County for their park.
- \$10,000 DCED Community Revitalization grant to Richmond Township, Tioga Co. for high-band radios.
- \$20,634 DCED SMS grant to Tunkhannock Borough and Washington Township for their police department.
- \$46,030 DCED Local Economic Development Assistance Grant to the Wyoming County Industrial Development Authority.
- \$20,000 PDA Rural Agricultural and Youth Program Grant to Tiger House in Wyoming County for kitchen equipment, a van, and training.
- \$135,000 DCNR Keystone recreation park and conservation grant to Towanda Borough for the YMCA Building renovation.
- \$25,000 DCED Local Government Loan to Delmar Township for a backhoe.

“Demand for loan funds remains high for the agricultural sector with three of six loans closed during November and December for agricultural operations.”

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NTRPDC Works on Integrated Land Use, Transportation, and Economic Development Plan



A map helps to illustrate how neighboring regions / economic centers influence the region.

The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) is embarking on an integrated Land Use, Transportation, and Economic Development Plan which may effect the way you travel, work, and live in the Northern Tier region.

There are 181,000 residents, nearly four thousand businesses, almost eight thousand

miles of state and locally maintained roads, and a wide range of land use regulations.

Funding for development and improvements is becoming more and more competitive and so it makes sense to create a plan that strategically focuses resources and integrates planning efforts. Depending on the funding source,

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Laurie Lentz Receives NDC Certification

Certification is a designation given to individuals who successfully complete an intensive economic development finance training series.

Laurie Lentz, Business Development Assistant has received her certification as an Economic Development Finance Professional from the National Development Council. Certification is a designation given to individuals

working in the field of economic development with training in credit analysis, real estate financing, loan packaging, deal structuring and negotiating and the creation and implementation of development programs.



Historic Preservation Workshop Held

Historic preservation is a viable approach to community planning and economic development.

Thirty people attended the workshop at the Towanda Country Club on November 15th. Officials from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historical Preservation; the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Natural Resources, and the Endless Mountains Heritage Region were on hand to discuss topics such as preserving historical structures for reuse.



“Envision Northern Tier 2017, Partnering for Progress” is the vision for the process



Outreach meetings were held throughout the region.

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new planning document is required for land use, transportation, and economic development every few years. This is the first time all three have been combined in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

According to Kevin Abrams, "This planning process is an invaluable opportunity to shape our future through public-private partnerships and collaboration across all governmental levels—local, state, and federal."

Public outreach is an important part of the process. So far, seven outreach meetings have been held, including specific meetings in

each county. The process is being led by a working partnership between the Dering Consulting Group and Gannett Fleming. "Envision Northern Tier 2017, Partnering for Progress" is the vision for the process. Themes such as improved infrastructure and municipal cooperation are continually evolving based on input from each meeting. While public input is important, so are facts and numbers. Data will be carefully collected and analyzed to support these emerging themes.

There will be opportunities for further public input. Additional outreach meetings and surveys will be used to capture your ideas.



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