

# VTDC Bulletin

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## VTDC Attends RCWE Annual Dinner

RCWE held it's annual dinner on Friday Sept. 30th at the Ambassador in Erie, PA.

Jacki Fike was nominated for the community partner through VTDC and Oil Region Career Link. We are very proud of all of the accomplishments over the past year, and continue to strive to do the best we can. The WIA staff are very dedicated and I could not be more proud of this group.

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**

Submitted by: Linda McGranaghan, Program Director



**JACKI FIKE**  
**COMMUNITY PARTNER**  
**OF THE YEAR NOMINEE**

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Pictured from left to right: Jackie Wilson, Stacie Niedbala, Mike Corothers, Kara Crowley, Brian Greenawalt, Jan Dodd, Linda McGranaghan, Connie Fisher, Jess Carnahan & Jacki Fike.

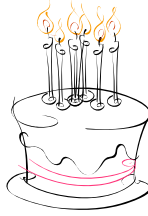
Sadly missing from the event: Juanet Shefchunas & Butch Campbell.



### October Staff Birthdays

18th—Brian Shefchunas, Accountant

29th—Jessica Kerlin, Crossing Bridges



### October Staff Anniversaries

1 YEAR  
Deanna Milford  
Administrative Assistant

### New to the VTDC Family

Sept. 2nd—Jennifer Klingler  
Venango Life Skills, Program Specialist

Sept. 6th—Shelly Winters  
Marketing/Quality Control

Sept. 6th—Leda Slaughenhoup  
Crossing Bridges

Sept. 13th—Stacie Niedbala  
WIA Youth Coordinator

## September Calendar Winners

DATE	LOTTO #	NAME	SELLER	\$ WON
09/01/11	446	Ronald G. Sullivan	Malcolm Sullivan	\$10
09/02/11	416	Not Sold		
09/03/11	227	William Wheeler	John Kurtich	\$10
09/04/11	586	Barry Reinard	Kerri Bruce	\$10
09/05/11	845	Mary Shook	Stacy Grigsby	\$50
09/06/11	101	Edward D. Osborne DMD	Kerri Bruce	\$10
09/07/11	866	Not Sold		
09/08/11	921	Not Sold		
09/09/11	299	JJ Kush	Mary Kush	\$10
09/10/11	385	Not Sold		
09/11/11	130	Viola Irwin	Connie Fisher	\$10
09/12/11	933	Shirley Myers	Amy Seybert	\$10
09/13/11	632	Mary Black	Stacy Grigsby	\$10
09/14/11	617	Traci A DeArment	Dixie Knight	\$10
09/15/11	903	Not Sold		
09/16/11	352	T.R. & Carissa Hicks	Amanda Jones	\$10
09/17/11	777	Cathy Seybert	Amy Seybert	\$10
09/18/11	129	Not Sold		
09/19/11	577	Karen L. Russell	Dixie Knight	\$10
09/20/11	246	Donna Rickerson	Connie Fisher	\$10
09/21/11	229	Chad Holeva	Randall Hickey	\$10
09/22/11	473	Not Sold		
09/23/11	955	Not Sold		
09/24/11	023	Daniel Staub	Dorothy Staub	\$10
09/25/11	180	Not Sold		
09/26/11	014	Bryan K. Srock	Suzanne Coder	\$10
09/27/11	402	Kathy Stocker	Erika Stocker	\$10
09/28/11	087	Not Sold		
09/29/11	480	Phil Copley	Jess O'Neil	\$10
09/30/11	279	Not Sold		

*"It is only the  
farmer who  
faithfully plants  
seeds in the  
Spring, who  
reaps a harvest in  
Autumn."*



-B.C. Forbes

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**ANNUAL DAY OF TRAINING**  
**NOVEMBER 8TH**

## Staff Updates...



**Meet Jennifer Klingler....**  
**Venango Life Skills**  
**Program Specialist**

VTDC would like to welcome Jennifer Klingler as the new Program Specialist at Venango Life Skills. She attended Clarion University majoring in Rehabilitative Sciences with a concentration in Developmental Disabilities. Jennifer completed her internship at our Clarion site this past summer and did an excellent job. When an opening occurred at Venango Life Skills Habilitation in September, Jennifer was thrilled to have the opportunity to work for VTDC full-time.

**WELCOME JENNIFER!**



**Meet Shelly Winters....**  
**Marketing**  
**Quality Control**

Shelly joined VTDC in September for Marketing/Quality Control and will be assisting our Business Services Manager, Lori Kosarek. Shelly resides in Oil City with her husband and 2 children with another little one on the way. She is a graduate of Cranberry Area High School and Indiana University of PA with a BS in Business Administration with a major in Marketing. When not at work, she enjoys spending time with her family, attending her children's events, reading, cooking, gardening and taking walks.

**WELCOME SHELLY!**

### FUNDRAISERS

Upcoming Fundraisers:

**Jane's Pie Sale:** October 10th—21st. Fundraiser is for Seneca Production Center Parties. For more details see Kathy Welch.

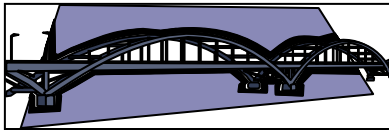
**Friday Luncheons at Seneca Production Center:**

- October 7th— Sloppy Joes, Pudding & Pop
- October 21st— Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit & Orange Drink
- **C/J Packaging & Distribution Fundraiser:**

**The Sheetz Coupon Books are still available for \$10. If you would like to purchase a booklet please call Kaylee at 375-7061. They are also available in Seneca. Please see Stephanie to get your sheetz coupon book!**



## CROSSING BRIDGES NEWS....



We have been working hard all month on Slime Science and O-rings. So to break up the day we start our mornings doing Just Dance.



*"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organization objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."*



*-Andrew Carnegie-*

## SENECA PRODUCTION CENTER NEWS

# **HALLOWEEN PARTY:**

# **OCTOBER 28TH**

## FAIRWEATHER LODGE NEWS...

This past month has been a transition time for the Cranberry lodge members. Three of the four have been able to move into the county independent living apartments in Franklin.



They are enjoying some new furniture and household items that will transfer to the new lodge when it is finished early next year. The fourth member has been staying with family and will return to the lodge also. The Grandview lodge continues to be full and some new flooring is in the works in the near future. They take pride in their home and the improvements there were much needed.

Submitted by: John Kurtich, Program Director

## C/J PACKAGING NEWS....

The CJ Packaging facility had the opportunity to do a new job this month. We worked on desk calendars for Kurtz Brothers with possibly more opportunities in the future for other jobs. Thanks to VTDC for helping us to complete the job! We are now back to working on O-rings with our sights set on Slinky coming back into the facility. Whoot Whoot !!!!



Our enrollment at CJ will be seeing an increase in the coming month, we will be adding 3 additional trainees to the workshop within the next few weeks and possibly a few more in our HCH program.

The staff at CJ Packaging have done an excellent job of keeping up with production, trainee charts, and day to day issues and as the Program Director I am very thankful for the "team" of workers we have at our facility.

Submitted by: Suzanne Coder, Program Director

## THE COVE NEWS...

Summer breezes have begun to wane and give way to the chiller temperatures as September arrived, the herald of fall. Even the grand marshmallow battle held at the beginning of the month couldn't shoot out fall...so if you can beat it, you eat it, (naturally only fresh marshmallows were used, not the ones used for ammo) as the mallows were turned into S'mores! The rest of the first week was filled with small groups doing crafts, painting and needle point or playing games and chatting.



There was also a yard sailing trip which Randall found a floor lamp with a huggge big blue bulb. It looked cool. A few other good deals were had and some folks and peer specialists that have been yard sailing this summer found some paints and bisque for little or no cost and donated to the Cove. Its been difficult to find bisque as most

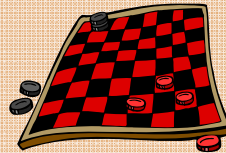


clients don't seem to have the funds to buy their own pieces from a shop.

There were a lot of delicious food events this month for low cost or free. For example, we had S'mores and chocolate shakes for free in celebration of National Days. Donuts and lasagna were sold as fundraisers and various meals were sold for 1.5 - 3 dollars, depending on the size, such as the Mexican Lunch and Hot Dog and Beans. There also the monthly celebration for everyone and the snacks for the Consumer Meeting to conclude the food events of the month.



Needle point seemed to be on a hit and miss basis this month due to lack of students and we held Sorry and Checkers Tournaments.



The Digital Camera and Watercolor class has been very full and active for each

week since its start in the middle of September. The first few weeks were learning the very, very basics of watercolors and



some techniques as well as how to use the Digital Cameras. We now have

begun the process of converting selected pictures into paintings. The last day of the month has been set aside for a group to go on a fall foliage trip in which most of the art class students were going on with their cameras to try and capture more images to use in future paintings. It certainly has been going well under the esteemed Perry Winkler. His knowledge and talent never cease to amaze this simple budding student.

Get your fall jackets ready and go out and enjoy some very lovely fall foliage before winter arrives, we are!!

Submitted by: Shirley Christian

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## The flu may be worse than you think

You may think of the flu as just a nasty bug, but it can be far more than that — and result in serious complications — for many people:

- Adults 50+
- Children six to 23 months
- Anyone with chronic health problems like:  
- Asthma or any ongoing lung problem -  
Kidney disease - Heart disease - Diabetes
- Anyone having medical treatment (such as chemotherapy)
- Anyone with an illness that can weaken the immune system
- Women who will be at least 3 months pregnant during flu season

If you fall into this group, or have contact with anyone who is, you should get a flu shot. The flu is caused by a virus that is highly contagious and changes each year. So you need a flu shot every year.

To see if a flu shot is appropriate for you, talk to your doctor. (It's also a good reason to get your routine physical if you haven't already.) You can get a flu shot at your doctor's office or from a community program in your neighborhood.

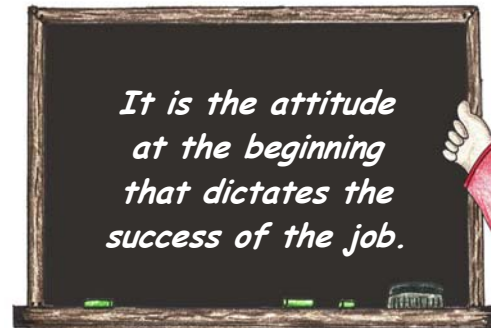
If you have any questions, you can call a Highmark Health Coach 24/7 at 1-888-BLUE-428. (1-888-258-3428) Or go online to [www.highmarkbcbs.com](http://www.highmarkbcbs.com).

**Thanks to SUZANNE CODER  
for all of the  
teamwork quotes!**

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## The Lighter Side.... From Denny



*Coming together is a  
beginning, keeping  
together is progress,  
working together is  
success.*

*-Henry Ford-*