

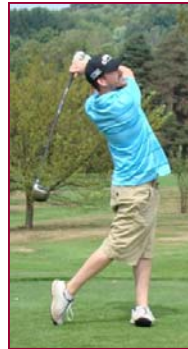
VTDC Bulletin

Our Capabilities...Expanding Your Opportunities...

Venango
Training
&
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Center

14th Annual Golf Scramble

The 14th Annual Golf Scramble was held on Wednesday, August 24th, 2011 at Cross Creek Resort in Titusville, PA. Thankfully the rain held off and it was a beautiful day. It started with a shot gun start at 10:00 am and the golfers were off and running. The teams were able to partake of extra games like the Poker Run, Choker's Challenge and Putter's Challenge. Many also enjoyed the hotdogs, kielbasa, chips and beverages along the way. At the end of the day everyone enjoyed a delicious steak dinner and prizes were given out. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this years Golf Scramble a success!



This Years Winning Team!

From left to right: Denny Bartlett, **OUR VERY OWN ED MAY**, Rich Riddle & Chip Abramovic.
CONGRATULATIONS!



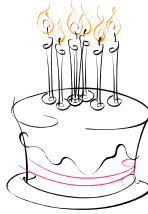
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September Staff Birthdays

September 2nd—Nikki Scott-Smilowitz
 September 3rd—Amanda Bish
 September 3rd—Susanna Giesey
 September 4th—Kerri Bruce
 September 15th—Suzanne Coder
 September 27th—Linda McGranaghan



August Calendar Winners

DATE	LOTTO #	NAME	SELLER	\$ WON
08/01/11	350	Judy Morris	Rob Morgan	\$10
08/02/11	892	Not Sold		
08/03/11	461	Not Sold		
08/04/11	425	Eugene R. Neiswonger	Randall Hickey	\$10
08/05/11	776	Sam Fulmer	Barb Van Epps	\$10
08/06/11	286	Laurie Long	Dixie Knight	\$10
08/07/11	691	Randy A Winkleman	Dixie Knight	\$10
08/08/11	103	Sandy Donato	Jackie Wilson	\$10
08/09/11	224	Richard & Judy Shingle-decker	Susanna Giesey	\$10
08/10/11	498	Brian Coder	Suzanne Coder	\$10
08/11/11	756	Joseph F. Bechtel	Dixie Knight	\$10
08/12/11	450	Jen Bauer	Jess O'Neil	\$10
08/13/11	979	Barr's Insurance	Denny Peden	\$10
08/14/11	421	Dorothy Staub	Dorothy Staub	\$10
08/15/11	118	Mike Hanna	Janeil Todhunter	\$10
08/16/11	405	Not Sold		
08/17/11	623	Terry Ruediger	Melissa Ruediger	\$10
08/18/11	837	Robert C. Morgan	Rob Morgan	\$10
08/19/11	013	Not Sold		
08/20/11	623	Terry Ruediger	Melissa Ruediger	\$10
08/21/11	006	Eugene R. Neiswonger	Randall Hickey	\$10
08/22/11	102	George Bartholomew	Traci Lucas	\$10
08/23/11	114	Traci DeArment	Dixie Knight	\$10
08/24/11	054	Craig Shipwash	Donna King	\$10
08/25/11	754	Ann Paden	Rachel Boyer	\$10
08/26/11	213	Dan L. Prichard	Susanna Giesey	\$10
08/27/11	711	Not Sold		
08/28/11	570	Patty Clonser	Randall Hickey	\$50
08/29/11	123	Richard Frantz	Randall Hickey	\$10
08/30/11	103	Sandy Donato	Jackie Wilson	\$10
08/31/11	044	Not Sold		

September Staff Anniversaries

11 YEARS
 Tina Heichel
 Program Specialist-
 DuBois

4 YEARS
 Rose Sanner
 Fiscal

7 YEARS
 Jessica O'Neil
 Venango Life Skills

Kathy Welch
 Program Specialist

3 YEARS
 Rebecca Harris
 BSU Receptionist

Donna King
 BSU Receptionist

New to the VTDC Family

September 15
 Jamie Sherbine, Project Search

September 23
 Desiree' Hebets, Project Search

September 29
 Jessica Guth, Work Activities Inst.
 Tanya VanWormer, Work Activities Inst.

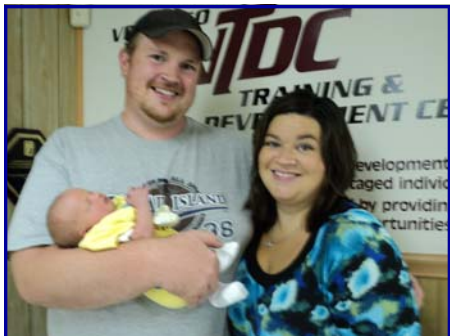
Education's
 purpose is to
 replace an
 empty mind
 with an open
 one.



~Malcolm S.
 Forbes

Staff Updates...

BOY, OH BOY!



Brian J. Shefchunas, Jr.

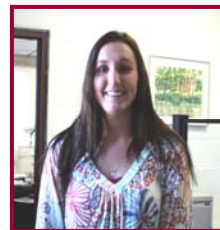
Born: August 2, 2011 at 11:27 am
7lbs. 1oz.
19.5 inches long

Proud Parents:

Brian and Juanet Shefchunas

(Brian is an Accountant at Seneca & Juanet is an Assistant Program Director at Seneca)

Good Luck Amanda!



Amanda Rodgers served an Intern here at VTDC in the Human Resources Department. Amanda assisted us in putting together the Employee Policy Handbook, The Training Logs, Employee Surveys and anything else we thru at her.

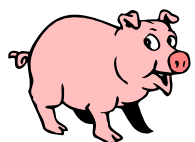
Amanda's major at Clarion University is Business Management and Human Resources. She is estimated to graduate in the Spring of 2012 but she plans to obtain a graduate degree in Employment and Labor Relations, most likely at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She currently works at Training Towards Self Reliance where she is a residential aid working with people with disabilities. At school she is involved in basketball and volleyball inter murals. When she graduates it will be with honors, and is planning to join the SAM club this year which is a club for management majors.



Good Luck STILTS! We'll miss you!

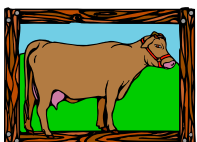


Zach and Kaylie Bruce completed animal science projects for the 2011 Venango County 4H fair. Zach completed Steer and Swine projects, and Kaylie completed Goat and Swine projects.



Kaylie received the Junior 4H Showmanship Champion award with her pig, Snoopy.

Zach received the Reserve Grand Champion Steer award with his steer, Spencer.



CONGRATULATIONS KIDS!

Zach and Kaylie are the children of Kerri Bruce, CFO

In the news...



CLARION NEWS photo by Pam Huffman. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Horsethief Festival, this kiddies parade float went with a 50s theme, taking first place. Pictured are Abby Travis, daughter of Melissa and Mike Travis of Indiana, (sitting at the table) Hank and Sarah Milford, children of Deanna and Brian Milford of Venus.

Hank and Sarah are the Children of Deanna Milford, Administrative Assistant.

More Staff Updates....



It's A Girl!

Avery Kai
Born June 14th.
Weighted 8lb. 6oz
22" long.

She has a big brother Owen, who was 3 on July 15.

Avery is the Granddaughter of Kathy Welch, Program Specialist

*A new baby
is like the
beginning of
all things,
hope, a
dream of
possibilities.*

Author Unknown

Seneca Production Center News....

TRAINEE OF THE MONTH



Mary Jo Glass is the trainee for the month of August.

Mary Jo started at the training center in July, 1993. Mary Jo is a very hard worker and gets along with staff and coworkers and takes pride in the things that she accomplishes.

Mary Jo is a very friendly, caring individual. She has a very good sense of humor, she enjoys spending time with family, music, watching TV, and being out and about in the community. **CONGRATULATIONS MARY JO!**

In other news, we made a profit of over \$220.00 on the August fundraiser luncheons.

We will be working on a pie fundraiser for the end of October for delivery by Thanksgiving and another fundraiser from Nature's Vision for the end of November for Christmas delivery.

We would like to thank everyone for making our fundraiser luncheons a success!

Submitted by: Kathy Welch, Program Specialist

Crossing Bridges News...



We have been working on Pick Up Sticks, Pins and Sleeves, and Slime Science for the past month! The individuals continue to learn new skills with each new job. They also improve on their overall production and social skills. I would like to thank the individuals, the staff, and Abraxas for all their hard work!

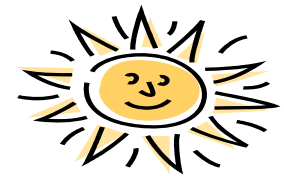
Submitted by: Sarah Gibson, Program Specialist



Clarion Lifeskills News.....

For August, we went to many places while the weather was nice. We were able to go to the Tionesta Lighthouse, Picnic's at Hasson Park, Grove City Park, Clarion County Park, The Movies at Cranberry Mall, Old Country Buffet and I scream for ice cream at our local store! While the weather

was not so nice, we got our exercise at the Sharon Mall, we had pet therapy at the center, crafts, read books, played our new PS3 and learned cleaning and baking skills. There are always fun and interesting things to do at our Lifeskills!



FAIRWEATHER LODGE NEWS...



It has been a full month since fire destroyed the Cranberry

Fairweather Lodge. The four members are coping but there have been some difficult days with all the doubts that lie ahead. Things are progressing well for them though as the County MH/DS has housed three of them temporarily at the emergency V-TECH rooms at Sugar Valley Lodge. They are also scheduled to move into more semi-permanent housing

at the county supported independent living home on Elk St. in Franklin until the lodge is rebuilt sometime early next year. The members reminded me to thank those that donated to them in their time of need which made a difficult situation a little more tolerable.

The Grandview lodge has had some improvements recently including a new furnace, central air and new windows throughout. What an improvement in that old house,

windows that actually open and can be cleaned! Also noteworthy at Grandview is that one of the members has been able to have increased hours at the BSU receptionist position due to a resignation. This positive change will help her to raise her standard of living and ease the burden of living independently.

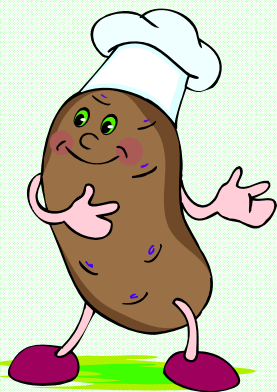
Submitted by: John Kurtich,
Fairweather Lodge Manager

The Cove...

The winds of summer carried in the usually hot month of August and it was greeted by a sweet beat the heat National Cream Pie day and Friendship day. Also, for anyone interested, we had a watermelon contest. Now that's one way to beat the heat and cool your face down! The heat also 'chilled' down some of the art classes as it was just plain too hot, but to get around that consumers sometimes painted on non listed art days. It's a good time to start thinking of handcrafted Christmas gifts and thoughts of winter and its bitter cold almost make us wish to hold onto the heat for just a bit longer.



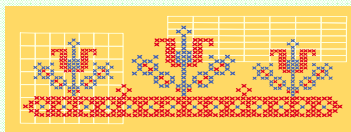
We've had good meals this month, especially on National Potatoe Day (which we moved to Monday) when Randall carefully pared and sliced potatoes to thin slices. I don't know what he had in the sauce, but it was delicious. He also added cut ham which he had sliced into tiny cubes. The writer of this article does not like scalloped potatoes at all but wow, Randall's were excellent! I almost asked for seconds they were that good!



Sign-ups were offered for various activities through the month for transportation to various activities (at nominal fees). Some of the activities were Altoona Curve Games, Del Grosso's free gospel concert, Sykesville fair and a Goodwill shopping trip. Nice trips for a variety of interests. Shawn also held another successful pool tourney and there was a heated battle at the Cove! What battle you might ask? The Battle of the Sexes! The losers were to fix dinner for the winners. The guys won and their were cries of rematch immediately, which should be held in September. The girls need a se-cret weapon, like asking the ce-ramic teacher to join...the guys will WANT to loose so they don't have to have her cooking! haha, all in good fun.



Clarion Psychiat-ric sponsored a luncheon and informative meeting on the tenth. Pizza and other delights awaited those who attended.



There was a donation of various needle point kits to the Cove and Marlene was asked if she would teach a class. Her crossstitchs are beautiful, they look almost like real paintings. It was moved from Monday to Thursday so we

could pick up a few more participants who can't attend Monday's class. Most of the class have never done anything like it and are enjoying learning a new hobby, its certainly kept Marlene busy sharing her knowledge and passion for needle-point.



The Birthday Celebration was, as always, great fun and attended by quite a few. We had planned on wrapping up the month with a Last Blast of Summer dance, but circumstances directed otherwise. We hope to have it within the next few weeks. The Consumer Meeting and National Toasted Marshmallow Day wrapped up the month (any reason to have a Smore is a good reason!) and September is looked forward to with anticipation of more fun events and just general comradship. Some of the peer specialists have been including other peers when they play games, which helps to build a stronger sense of family among the members. September will show that the Cove is the place to be!

Submitted By: Shirley Christian

WIA NEWS...



The new participants of PROJECT SEARCH are: Elizabeth Schill, Amanda Brown, Damian Hebets, Jessica Fitzgerald, Stacy Stone, Ashley Green & Tabitha Gorman.

Staff Include: Jamie Sherbine, Desiree Hebets, Amy Seybert and Kathy Daugherty

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT YEAR!



**WELCOME BACK!
WE ARE GLAD
TO HAVE OUR
CAREER COUNSELORS
BACK SEPTEMBER 1ST!**

FUNDRAISERS

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- **VTDC T-SHIRT SALE!**



Order forms will go out SOON! Orders MUST be received no later than: SEPTEMBER 16th.

Friday Luncheons at Seneca Production Center:

- September 9th— Cheeseburger, Chips & Pop
- September 23rd— Spaghetti and Meatballs, Applesauce & Pop



- **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!

More Golf Scramble Photos...



Thanks to all who participated, we will see you next year!

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The Mission of Venango Training and Development Center, Inc., is to assist disabled and/or disadvantaged individuals to achieve their highest potential by providing quality programs, services, and opportunities.

Protect Kids as They Head Back to School

With summer coming to an end and school has just started, Safe Kids USA reminds parents and drivers to do their part to keep kids safe as they walk to school.

Parents should be proactive and take the time to talk about safety with their kids before they head back to school.

Safe Kids USA recommends that parents walk the route to school with students before the start of the year to assess hazards and select a course with the least number of traffic crossings.

Adults can teach and model the following safety behaviors that all children should follow, even if they don't walk to school every day:

Top Back to School Safety Tips

Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours

Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving

Reminder for your kids:

- They should cross the street with an adult until they are at least 10 years old
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars
- Make sure they always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see them

(www.safekids.org)

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The Bus by Robert Pottle



Sixty kids and one adult,
you gotta love those odds.
The perfect place for pulling pranks
and throwing paper wads.
Hank is standing on his head.
Billy's playing ball.
Peter wet his pants again.
Tasha pushes Paul.
Steven steals. Kevin cries.
Millicent is missing.
Katie punched her cousin Keith.
Ben and Jen are kissing.
Me, I'm taking lots of notes
on public transportation.
I think the bus provides me with
the finest education.

The Lighter Side.... From Denny

