

# Tioga County Development Corporation

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## TCDC Hosts 12th Annual Legislative Breakfast



L to R: Bob Blair, TCDC President/CEO; Representative Matthew Baker; Congressman John Peterson; Senator Joseph Scarnati and David Cummings, TCDC Chairman of the Board.

The *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)* Board of Directors hosted their 12th Annual TCDC Legislative Breakfast on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at the Historic Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro, PA. Two-Hundred (200) members and supporters attended the successful event.

United States Congressman John E. Peterson (R, 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District), Pennsylvania State Senator Joseph B. Scarnati, III (R, 25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District), and State Representative Matthew E. Baker (R, 68<sup>th</sup> Legislative District) all attended the Breakfast. An opening question was asked to all of the Legislators on the future funding of our

transportation system in Pennsylvania. Each Legislator then had the opportunity to discuss any economic issue of their choice.

This year's Breakfast was hosted by twelve (12) Corporate Sponsors: Blue Ridge Communications, Citizens and Northern Bank, Dominion Transmission, First Citizens National Bank, First Heritage Federal Credit Union, Hunt Engineers, Larson Design Group, MetalKraft Industries, Penelec, PenTeleData, Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative and Ward Manufacturing.

Sponsors and TCDC Directors had a chance to talk one-on-one with the Legislators during breakfast. Be sure to mark your calendar for The 13th Annual TCDC Legislative Breakfast will be held on April 9, 2009.

### 2008 Board Meetings

Second Fridays, 9:00 a.m.

- No April Meeting
- May 9  
TCDC on the Road  
Mansfield University
- June 13
- July 11
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12
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### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual TCDC Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2008

6:00 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Dinner

### 2008-2009

### Membership Campaign

For more information:

[www.tcdc-pa.com/membership](http://www.tcdc-pa.com/membership)

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual

### TCDC Legislative Breakfast

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Historic Penn Wells Hotel  
Wellsboro, PA 16901

7:30 a.m. Buffet Opens

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## TCDC Closes Loan To The Wellsboro House



Back Row (L to R) Lillian Smith, TCDC Economic Development Coordinator; Robert J. Blair, TCDC President/CEO; Front Row (L to R) Susan Ziemak, TCRLF Committee/First Heritage Federal Credit Union; Marsha Jones, First Citizens National Bank; Chris Kozuhowski, Owner, The Wellsboro House; David Lamphier, TCDC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair/Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Laura Kozuhowski, Owner, The Wellsboro House and Susan Dillon, TCRLF Committee/University of Scranton SBDC.

The Wellsboro House is Slated to Open the End of May 2008

in the *TCRLF*. We feel by doing this, we are contributing to our local economy and community.”

The Wellsboro House was purchased by the Kozuhowski’s in 2006. The former Smokey’s Hotel is a Wellsboro landmark, having been in existence since 1872. Chris has gutted the building salvaging historical items whenever possible such as the 20+ foot 150 year old wooden bar and the stair railings. Chris and Laura plan to open The Wellsboro House at the end of May 2008.

In 2006, the *Tioga County Development Corporation* was awarded a Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) through the United States Department of Agriculture to financially assist for-profit small businesses in Tioga County, PA through low interest loans, creating the *Tioga County Revolving Loan Fund*.

On Friday, March 28, 2008, *TCDC* closed on its third *Tioga County Revolving Loan Fund* loan to Chris and Laura Kozuhowski of The Wellsboro House located in Wellsboro, PA. The \$25,000 loan will be utilized, along with financing from First Citizens National Bank, to assist in the renovations and purchase of machinery and equipment. Chris stated, “We are extremely excited about participating

For more information, applications or assistance on the *Tioga County Revolving Loan Fund* Program or other financial assistance, contact Lillian Smith, *TCDC* Economic Development Coordinator, at 570.723.8232 or eMail to [tc3@ptd.net](mailto:tc3@ptd.net).

## Tioga County Enterprise Zone Funded for Year Two

**TCEZ**  
Tioga County Enterprise Zone

In February 2007, the *Tioga County Development Corporation* was awarded the designation of a new enterprise zone in Tioga County by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The *Tioga County Enterprise Zone (TCEZ)* is comprised of 17 municipalities throughout Tioga County which encompass 12 areas eligible for EZP activities. The municipalities and areas have been strategically selected to participate in the *Tioga County Enterprise Zone* along the primary highway network including: US Route 15 (future I-99), PA Route 49, and US Route 6.

The 17 municipalities include Liberty Township, Liberty Borough, Blossburg Borough, Mansfield Borough, Richmond Township, Rutland Township, Tioga Borough, Lawrence Township, Lawrenceville Borough, Elkland Borough, Knoxville Borough, Deerfield Township, Westfield Borough, Westfield Township, Delmar Township, Wellsboro Borough, and Charleston Township.

If you are an eligible industry located in the *Tioga County Enterprise Zone* and would like more information, contact *TCDC* at 570.723.8232 or [tc3@ptd.net](mailto:tc3@ptd.net).





## Basic Welding Course a Huge Success

Ten Tioga County residents can now add basic welding skills to their resume. The *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)*, in conjunction with Northern Tioga School District, recently offered a basic welding training program. Hosting a full class of ten (10) individuals, Marty Heyler, a vocational teacher at Cowanesque Valley High School, instructed the five (5) week, hands on program. Participants learned safety, stick & mig welding and cutting. There was an overwhelming amount of individuals interested in the welding class, *TCDC* hopes to offer this course again in conjunction with Northern Tioga School District.



*Participants in the Basic Welding Class at Cowanesque Valley High School work on projects to help develop welding skills*

## EITC Scholarships Awarded

The *Tioga County Foundation* has Awarded the following Grants:

- \$1,500.00 to Penn College of Technology/ North Campus for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) High School Program
- \$1,400.00 to Northern Tioga School District for 10th & 11th grade high school Career Day.
- \$1,090.00 to Southern Tioga School District for 10th grade Career Fair.
- \$2,750.00 to Mansfield University Summer Leadership Institute
- \$1,000.00 to *Tioga County Development Corporation* & Mansfield University for 3rd & 4th grade Vehicular Career Day
- \$540.00 to Blossburg & Liberty Elementary Schools for 5th grade Agricultural Curriculum

**These grants have been made possible through contributions from: Citizens & Northern Bank; Northwest Savings Bank and Ward Manufacturing LLC**

**For more information or to apply for funding:**  
[www.tcdc-pa.com/foundation](http://www.tcdc-pa.com/foundation)



*High School Students in the Certified Nursing Program at Penn College/North Campus learn how to properly bathe individuals who are hospitalized*

## Leadership Tioga County Update

### UPCOMING SESSIONS *Youth Leadership Program*

- **April 15, 2007**  
Quality Of Life            Morris, PA  
Sponsor: **Phoenix Resources**
- **April 20, 2008**  
Graduation: Class of 2008  
NYPUM Building        Wellsboro, PA  
Sponsor: **TCDC**

### UPCOMING SESSIONS *Community Leadership Program*

- **April 4, 2008**  
IT, Networking & Literacy  
Mansfield University Mansfield, PA  
Sponsor: **PenTeleData**
- **May 2, 2008**  
Quality of Life            Asaph, Pa  
Sponsor: **First Energy**
- **May 16, 2008**  
Closing Retreat & Graduation  
Penn College/North Campus  
Sponsor: **TCDC**



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## Deane Center: \$500,000 Grant Application Submitted for Renovations



*The Main Street exterior of The Deane Center for the Performing Arts will be renovated to historic conditions.*

building for retail and service space, some residential lofts and storage facilities for the Performing Arts Center. The Main Street Exterior will be restored to historic conditions and an elevator will be included to serve all three stories.

The grant was submitted through the ***Tioga County Enterprise Zone Loan Program (TCEZ)***. The Borough of Wellsboro is a participating municipality in the ***TCEZ***. As the loan to the Deane Center for the Performing Arts is repaid to ***TCDC***, the monies will be put into a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for for-profit business in the Central Business District of Wellsboro Borough.

Pennsylvania's New Communities/Anchor Building Program provides grant-to-loan funds to restore strategic buildings in downtown areas. The funds are to be used specifically for acquisition costs or physical building improvements.

The *Tioga Count Development Corporation (TCDC)* submitted a \$500,000 Anchor Building Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Phase One renovation and historic restoration of the Deane Center for the Performing Arts on Main Street in Wellsboro in October 2007.

The Phase One project is estimated at \$1,700,000 that will renovate most of the

Phase One Project is  
estimated at \$1.7  
Million.



## Dominion Announces Major Project



In June 2007, Dominion announced the Storage Factory Project, which would expand its natural gas storage capacity by up to 50 billion cubic feet (Bcf). The Storage Factory Project would integrate the high deliverability of storage in salt formations with the large capacity of depleted reservoir storage. The result is an efficient, reliable operation that will bring competitive and flexible gas storage services to customers in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic market areas.

The first phase will add 11.2 Bcf of new natural gas storage. Initial construction is scheduled for 2009, when work will begin on two salt caverns to be added to the existing fleet of depleted reservoirs. The salt caverns will be in Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

"The future of natural gas storage is here," said Thomas F. Farrell II, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Dominion. "The blending of capacity from traditional depleted reservoir storage and deliverability from salt caverns represents an exciting growth opportunity for Dominion's storage assets. Salt cavern storage is common in the producing area, but we are building this infrastructure close to the market area, where its advantages—high-deliverability, flexibility and expandability—will bring needed supplies to the market quickly, especially during peak weather conditions."

Dominion will leach salt out of deep, underground formations to form caverns where gas can be stored at pressures typically higher than the depleted natural gas storage fields common in the Northeast market area. Gas can be repeatedly injected and withdrawn from the caverns, bringing great flexibility to the system in the winter. The salt cavern storage will be coupled with additional, lower-deliverability storage facilities to provide a flexible, reliable mix of gas storage service offerings.

The project is subject to approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The anticipated in-service date for the first two caverns is 2014.

"The demand for clean, natural gas is growing throughout the Northeast and the Mid-Atlantic," said Paul Koonce, chief executive officer of Dominion Energy. "We are calling it the Storage Factory Project because we can construct new storage facilities as the demand for natural gas grows."

The plan calls for a compressor station for injection and withdrawal, as well as pipelines needed to get the natural gas to market. Dominion expects the project will create 75 to 100 full-time positions in north central Pennsylvania, with an additional 200 construction jobs during the first two years. Depending on how many caverns are constructed, the project would cost between \$500 million and \$700 million.

"The nation needs new sources of natural gas, both for the energy it provides and its environmental qualities," said U.S. Rep. John E. Peterson, who represents the Fifth District of Pennsylvania. "As we develop those sources, natural gas storage becomes increasingly

important. The Storage Factory Project can provide the storage we need for the future."

"Pennsylvania has historically been a keystone state for storing and delivering natural gas throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions," said Pennsylvania State Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati, who represents the 25th State Senatorial District. "The Storage Factory Project enhances the state's role in natural gas storage and brings needed jobs to the Tioga County area."

Dominion is one of the nation's largest producers of energy, with a portfolio of more than 26,500 megawatts of generation and 7,800 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline. Dominion also owns and operates the nation's largest underground natural gas storage system with about 960 billion cubic feet of storage capacity and serves retail energy customers in 11 states. For more information about Dominion, visit the company's Web site <http://www.dom.com>.

*Article adapted from <http://www.dom.com/news/gas2007/pr0612.jsp> as released on June 12, 2007.*

**Storage Factory Project to create up to 100 full-time positions and 200 construction jobs.**



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## From The President

You have already received one issue of our new **eNews Insider** highlighting our 12th Annual Legislative Breakfast. This issue is the first edition of our monthly Newsletter.

The *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)* is always seeking new and effective ways to keep our Members informed about what's happening in Tioga County and the programs *TCDC* has available to business, industry and the community. We have continued to improve and update the information available on our website, [www.tcdc-pa.com](http://www.tcdc-pa.com), and now we have launched our new e-mail Newsletter, the *TCDC eNews Insider*.

The **eNews Insider** will be distributed via eMail on a monthly basis to all of our Members, Businesses and Organizations. The newsletter will include important information about Tioga County services, projects and other economic development information. We will also highlight Members and Businesses from time to time.

We welcome your input. Appropriate related articles are also welcomed. Please use our web site as a resource. *TCDC's* website hosting and the **eNews Insider** are made possible in part from a contribution from PenTeleData.

Robert J. Blair  
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