

Tioga County Development Corporation

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Tioga County I-99 Business Park Breaks Ground



L to R: Tom Freeman, BOOM President; Kevin Abrams; NTRPDC; Senator Joseph Scarnati; Representative Matthew Baker; Scott Bastian, BOOM; David Cummings, BOOM/TCDC Chairman; Robert J. Blair, TCDC President/CEO and Mark Eby, BOOM.

On Wednesday, May 28, 2008 the I-99 Business Park in Mansfield celebrated its groundbreaking ceremony with local and state dignitaries in attendance.

The 84-acre farm was purchased by the Betterment Organization of Mansfield (BOOM) last year with a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). When completed in late fall of 2008, there will be 24 lots available, each between one and eight acres.

Pennsylvania State Senator Joseph Scarnati spoke to those in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony saying "Expanding the tax base is the only way small towns like Mansfield will survive.

This is a great win for this area." Pennsylvania State Representative Matthew Baker echoed Senator Scarnati's comments calling the business park, and those people who made the park a reality, a "blessing: to Tioga County.

"Everyone here represents a team. We are very blessed to have this group here in Tioga County," states Tom Freeman, BOOM President, speaking of the various organizations present; The *Tioga County Development Corporation*, Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission and Borough Officials.

Country Inn and Suites has recently signed a letter of intent and plans to begin building an 81 room hotel in the Spring of 2009 with hopes to open for business by the end of Summer 2009.

For more information concerning the I-99 Business Park log on to their website: www.i99businesspark.com or call 570.662.1743.

15th Annual Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2008
Wellsboro Area School
District Center
227 Nichols Street
Wellsboro, PA 16901
6:00 PM –7:30PM
Social Reception
7:30 PM - 9:00PM
Program, Awards &
Entertainment
STILL TIME TO RSVP!

2008 Board Meetings

Second Friday, 9:00 AM

- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

2008-2009 JOIN NOW! Membership Campaign

For more information:
www.tcdc-pa.com/membership

PLAN AHEAD.....

13th Annual

TCDC Legislative Breakfast
Thursday, April 9, 2009
Historic Penn Wells Hotel
Wellsboro, PA 16901
7:30 AM Buffet Opens

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www.i99businesspark.com

Cunningham Surveyors Receives \$25,000 **TCEZ** RLF Loan



L to R: Lillian Smith, TCDC Economic Development Coordinator; David Lamphier, TCDC 1st Vice Chair/Dominion; K. Robert Cunningham, Land Services Group Cunningham Surveyors President; Susan Ziemak, Tioga County Loan Committee Member/First Heritage Credit Union; and Robert Blair, TCDC President/CEO.

On May 28, 2008 K. Robert Cunningham of Land Services Group Cunningham Surveyors closed on a \$25,000 **Tioga County TCEZ RLF** Program **Enterprise Zone Revolving Loan Fund (TCEZ RLF)** Loan with the **Tioga County Development Corporation**. The loan will assist in the second phase of their project for the acquisition of a Tioga County surveying business along with machinery and equipment. The total project cost for both phases is \$558,159.

The business employs seven (7) individuals with a possibility of 3 more future employees. K. Robert Cunningham Surveyors, Inc., established in 1983, is in the process

of moving to a new office in Delmar Township on US Route 6. For more information on the TCEZ RLF Program contact Lillian Smith, Economic Development Coordinator, at (570) 723-8232 or tcdc3@ptd.net.

**The Business
Employs 7 People
With a Possibility of
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Employees**

The Deane Center for the Performing Arts Receives \$32,263.00 Check from TCDC

On Friday, June 13, 2008 the **Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)** presented a \$32,263.00 check to The Deane Center for the Performing Arts. The monies were made available through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) New Communities/Anchor Building Program Grant. Funds will be utilized to cover a portion of Engineering and Architectural cost for renovation of the building located on Main Street in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

In July 2008, **TCDC** hopes to receive an additional \$467,737.00 grant (Phase 2) from DCED which **TCDC** will loan to The Deane Center as a low interest loan for a portion of the construction costs. As the loan to The Deane Center for the Performing Arts is repaid to **TCDC**, the monies will create a Revolving Loan Fund for the for-profit businesses in the Central Business District of Wellsboro Borough. Wellsboro Borough is a participating municipality of the **Tioga County Enterprise Zone (TCEZ)**.



L to R: Joan Hart, Vice President, Wellsboro Borough Council/Council Representative for the Deane Center; David Cummings, TCDC Chairman; R. Lowell Coolidge, Chairman, Deane Center; Robert J. Blair, TCDC President/CEO

TCDC 15th Annual Membership Campaign

The *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)* would like to welcome our new members. Thank you for your 2008 - 2009 Membership. This Year's Membership Campaign has been a success due to you and others who have expressed support of *TCDC* to foster and promote the economy of Tioga County. We sincerely appreciate *Your Investment in Tioga County*.

We also sincerely thank all the businesses, organizations and individuals that have renewed your memberships. *TCDC* would not be successful without our Members, who contribute not only financially, but with their time and efforts striving to improve the economy and quality of life in Tioga County.

We encourage you to become a Member and invest in Tioga County. It is not too late to join. Our Members will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on July 28, 2008. Contact Carolyn Conte, Administrative Assistant, at 570.723.8232 or tcdc2@ptd.net for more information on how you can become a member.

For A List of Current Members Log On:
www.tcdc-pa.com/membership

TCDC Welcomes 14 NEW Members

- ◆ Larry & Barbara Biddison
- ◆ Greater Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Jones Kohanski & Co., LLC
- ◆ K&K Mack Garage
- ◆ Jacki Lawrence, C & T Enterprises
- ◆ Marks Brothers Restaurant
- ◆ Leonard (Butch) Mitchell, Northwest Savings Bank
- ◆ North Penn Telephone
- ◆ Quails Nest Industries Inc.
- ◆ Salvatore Regalbuto
- ◆ Darla Shick, HMA, USA (Wellsboro)
- ◆ Timeless Destination
- ◆ Two Sons & A Daughter Landscaping & The Wellsboro House
- ◆ Walrath & Coolidge

**TCDC's 15th Annual Meeting
 Still Time to Sign-Up**

There's still time to sign up to attend *TCDC's* 15th Annual Meeting on Monday, July 28, 2008. The evening will begin with a Social Reception and Exhibitor Displays from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM at the new Wellsboro Area School District Center (former WHS High School), 227 Nichols Street in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania with the program, awards and entertainment following the reception from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The attire for the event is corporate casual.

The Annual Meeting will provide the opportunity for individuals to browse vendors' booths set up by Tioga

County businesses and organizations. Any business or organization interested in setting up a vendor booth should contact Nichole Hall at tcdc4@ptd.net or call 570.723.8232.

Anyone interested in attending should purchase a ticket by contacting Carolyn E. Conte, Administrative Assistant, at the *TCDC* Office 570.723.8232 or eMail at tcdc2@ptd.net. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members.

TCDC Unveils New Website



The *Tioga County Development Corporation* announced Monday, July 14, 2008 that it has unveiled it's new website. The website was developed as a more user-friendly database to web users and was modeled after our *eNews Insider* Newsletter.

The website will provide information to business, industry and individuals about the services *TCDC* provides, facilitate better communication between the corporation and our Members, provide statistical and land data about Tioga County and serve as our primary marketing tool.

New additions to the website include an internal search engine and a photo gallery of all *TCDC* events.

TCDC Chairman David Cummings says, "We are pleased to be able to improve our economic development services to Tioga County businesses and residents, as well as perspective new businesses. With

fresh new graphics, an internal search engine for easy access and more photo content, our Website will be a better tool for the user ." The website is available online at www.tcdc-pa.com.

Local Farmers' Markets

Want to buy local food? A number of local growers have banded together to form Liberty Farm Market, Inc. to encourage the production and purchase of locally made products and fresh farm produce. Their aim is to provide a means by which both local consumers and visitors can obtain locally produced items including fresh produce, crafts, baked goods and specialty foods.

The Liberty Market has been working with Susan Dillon, business consultant with the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center Agribusiness Center. Dillon and the *Tioga County Development Corporation* assisted Liberty, as well as Blossburg Farmers' Market, with grant applications to obtain funding for marketing and other items. *TCDC* also obtained signs to help direct customers to the markets.

The Northern Tier Chapter of *Buy Fresh Buy Local* has just published a Local Food Guide that features local products. Copies of the guide are available at several locations throughout Tioga County or log on to www.ntculturalalliance.org/publications.html.



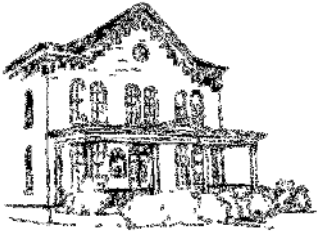
- **Blossburg Farmers' Market**
Main St. at Riverside Plaza Parking lot
Sat. 8AM-1PM, End of May-Oct.
Contact: Tonya McNamara,
570.638.3112

- **Liberty Farmers' Market**
Liberty Elementary School
(Route 414 /East of Route 15, Liberty)
Saturday 8AM-12PM May 17-Oct. 11
Contact: A. Bishop, 570.324.6683

- **Wellsboro Farmers' Market**
Wellsboro Plaza (former Ames Plaza)
Route 6, East of Wellsboro
Friday 8AM-1PM
Contact: Nanci Turker, 570.724.1525



Liberty Farmers' Market, Inc.



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From The President

Things are happening in Tioga County...the first business park to be constructed in the county in over 30 years has become reality. Congratulations to the Betterment Organization of Mansfield (BOOM) for kicking off Phase I of the Tioga County I99 Business Park on May 28, 2008. Under the direction of President Tom Freeman, BOOM has opened up undeveloped land in Mansfield Borough that will be operational on November, 15, 2008, ready for future development. Congratulations BOOM!

TCDC continues participating in economic development projects with funding provided to Cunningham Surveyors and the Dean Center for Performing Arts. We continue to work on funding opportunities for other businesses.

With this *eNews Insider* issue, we unveil our newly designed HomePage...www.tcdc-pa.com. We have made the website more "user friendly" by adding an internal search engine and a Google Map system. We have expanded our Economic Development section, adding information on Agriculture and have updated many areas including the Tioga County Tax Preferential Abatement System. It is full of demographic and useful information about Tioga County. We continue to connect our Members to their home pages at **no cost** for our Members.

We will officially close our 2008-2009 Membership Campaign at our 15th Annual Meeting on Monday, July 28, 2008. We have surpassed our goal of 200 and currently have 211 Members! It is not too late to join and **Invest in Tioga County**. We still have tickets available for the Annual Meeting to be held at the WASD Center in Wellsboro. Come and join us for an evening of fun, recognition and entertainment, not to mention nearly \$4,000 in Door Prizes to be given away. Call Carolyn **TODAY** to register.

Robert J. Blair
President/Chief Executive Officer

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