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TCDC To Hold 8th Annual Meeting Celebrating Our 10th Anniversary

The Board of Directors of the *Tioga County Development Corporation* will host our 8th Annual Meeting on **Monday, July 30, 2001**. "This Year's Annual Meeting will be a Celebration of our 10th Anniversary. We will reflect on our past, report on our present and look into our future as part of our Evening's Program," announced **TCDC President David E. Cummings**. Beginning at 5:00 PM through 6:30 PM an **Open House Reception** will be held at the **First Citizens National Bank** in downtown Mansfield. First Citizens is the Corporate Sponsor for the 8th Annual Meeting. President & CEO **Richard Wilber**, a former *TCDC* Director and his Board and Staff will host the Open House at their new Corporate Center.

At 7:00 PM a **Banquet Dinner** will be served at the **Mansfield Firemen's Auxiliary Community Center** on South Main Street. Aramark Food Services, Mansfield University's Food Service, will cater the Event. The **Program** will include Reflections on the formation of *TCDC* from former President **Rod C. Kelchner** and Immediate Past President **C. Frederick LaVancher** on *Leadership Tioga County*. President **David E. Cummings** will serve as Master of Ceremony. A look at our future will be provided through **Kacy Zuchowski**, *Youth Leadership Program* Class of 2000. All of the former and present *TCDC* Board of Directors will receive a Special Invitation to Attend.

Join the Board of Directors for a Festive, Relaxing Evening In Recognition of Our Members and Our Major Contributors, with the Election of Directors, Door Prizes and Musical Entertainment throughout the meeting. The Event is **Casual Dress**. The cost for the Annual Meeting is **\$25.00 per person. Pre-Registration Payment is required by July 20, 2001** through Carolyn E. Conte, Administrative Assistant at (570) 723-8232 or tcdc2@ptd.net.



Join us in celebrating Our 10th Anniversary!

8th Annual Membership Campaign

It's time for *Tioga County Development Corporation's* **8th Annual Membership Campaign**. Any individual, local government, non-profit organization, business, or industry interested in the economic development of Tioga County is welcome to become a Member. Membership creates countywide support for *TCDC* and economic development; access to a larger pool of ideas, and skills to draw upon for committees, future Board of Directors, and solicits assistance for special projects.

Membership entitles you to receive the *TCDC* newsletter **OUTREACH** and other *TCDC* Publications, have a vote in the election of new Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, be eligible for reduced Application and Workshop Registration Fees, receive a Membership Wall Plaque and Certificate of Membership to proudly display your *TCDC* Membership, invitation to our Annual Membership Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting, be advised of important issues in the development of the County and be invited to sit on committees related to your expertise, and participate in the promotion and development of the economy of Tioga County.

Membership in *TCDC* is a wonderful and inexpensive way to become involved in your community, and through your Membership **you can make a difference** in Tioga County! It does not conflict with memberships in any chamber or other development groups. If you are interested in joining the *Tioga County Development Corporation* and assisting in the future development of our County, please contact the *TCDC* Office at (570) 723-8232 or complete and mail in the Application in this edition of **OUTREACH**. Membership will increase the overall awareness and support of *TCDC* throughout the county, so **get involved** and remember: **your Membership in TCDC is an Investment in Tioga County**. Help us reach our goal of 250 Members for 2001-2002.

TCDC's Strategic Plan State Provides \$12,500 LUPTAP Grant

The Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) awarded a \$12,500 Land Use Planning Assistance Grant (LUPTAP) to *TCDC* on January 9, 2001 for the development of an Updated Strategic Plan for Tioga County. The Corporation will match the State funds with a cash contribution from **GPU Energy**, funding from the **49 CORRIDOR Enterprise Zone** and local cash and In Kind from *TCDC*. The Corporation has retained the firm of **VanLandingham Consulting** to undertake the Update. **Wade VanLandingham** has provided consulting assistance to *TCDC* for several years.

OUTREACH to the Future, the original Strategic Plan for Tioga County was completed in 1992 as Tioga County's first Strategic Plan. Much has happened since then. The *Tioga County Development Corporation* was merely a concept; the economic climate was dismal; unemployment was high; and Tioga County still did not have a four lane limited access highway. It is amazing what can occur in less than a decade. Tioga County now has a lower unemployment rate than in the recent past; Ward Manufacturing, Inc.'s ACP and WARDFLEX have located in Lawrence Township; many of our industries have experienced growth and an increase in employment; the **49 CORRIDOR** exists; US Route 15's four lane highway system has entered eleven miles into our County; **Leadership Tioga County** now exists; several *School To Work* and *Work Force Development* Programs are assisting in providing a quality work force; and presently, Tioga County has a work force shortage.

Specific Problems to be addressed include: Workforce Issues: updating skills for new employment opportunities, commutation (especially into New York State), underemployment, labor force participation, etc.; Land Availability for industrial and business park development; Options for Funding and Operating the Enterprise Zone after the State closeout; Land Use concerns along the Major Highway Corridors in Tioga County; and meeting the needs of Existing Employers in the County. A Public Meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 6, 2001 to solicit input from the community for the **OUTREACH To The Future: Going Forward from 2000**.

The Planning process will involve a series of twenty seven meetings with the *TCDC* Board, local businesses & industries, local industrial development organizations, Tioga County Visitors Bureau, Tioga County Planning Commission, Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission, Tioga County *School To Work* Partners and the Tioga County Farm Preservation Committee. A *TCDC* Board retreat will occur in September to develop our next three Year Work Program.

Prolog Internet Cable

PenTeleData & Blue Ridge Communications, Inc.
Contribute to *TCDC*

As a public service to the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, **PenTeleData** and **Blue Ridge Communications, Inc.** has provided Internet Service to the Corporation. In May 2001 our Internet System was upgraded to Cable. *TCDC* Director, **Thomas E. Freeman**, first offered this In Kind Community Service when he came on Board as a Director in 1997. Recently Tom and **Al Quimby**, with PenTeleData, began to develop a proposal to provide Prolog Cable Internet Service to *TCDC*. Prolog also powers the *TCDC* HomePage.

In addition to the Internet Service Blue Ridge Communications, Inc. has carried the Legislative Breakfast live for the past two years and taped the Town Meeting held on May 4, 2001. See related stories this Issue.

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The Board of Directors extend a sincere appreciation to PenTeleData, Al Quimby, Blue Ridge Communications, Inc. and Tom Freeman for providing this value community service to *TCDC*.

Mansfield University's Deb Faulkner *TCDC* Intern

Deb Faulkner, a Senior at **Mansfield University** majoring in Geography with a concentration in Regional Planning, is working as an intern at *Tioga County Development Corporation*. She started her 240 hours on May 14, 2001 and has been working specially with the land use on Traffic Routes 49,15,6, and 660. Deb has participated in some **TEAM Pennsylvania!** Interviews, Strategic Planning and *TCDC* meetings.

Five years ago, Deb went back to school and has since found it a very challenging yet rewarding experience to juggle her family, job at **Wal*Mart**, college, and her new internship at *TCDC*.

Deb has lived in Tioga County all of her life. She has two daughters and two sons, as well as two stepchildren, ten grandsons, and one granddaughter. She and Duane, her husband of

1st 49 CORRIDOR Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Check Presented R & T Mechanical, Inc. under Construction in Lawrenceville Borough

The first Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) through the **49 CORRIDOR Enterprise Zone** was approved on August 30, 2000, closed on January 22, 2001 and a Check Presentation Ceremony was held on April 26, 2001. With construction going on in the background, Timothy J. Baughman received a "Ceremonial Check for \$30,000" from Scott Keck, Chair, RLF Committee; Donald Carman, *TCDC* Director and **49 CORRIDOR** Representative; Carol Kilko, State Director, *TEAM Pennsylvan!a*; Debra Mathers, *NTRPDC TEAM Pennsylvan!a* Program Manager; and Robert J. Blair and Lillian Smith, *TCDC*.

R & T Mechanical, Inc., located along US Route 15, **Lawrence Township**, Tioga County, Pennsylvania with Corporate offices in Bainbridge, Pennsylvania, received the very first RLF in the EZP. **Timothy J. Baughman**, President & CEO and **Ronald E. Hunt**, Vice President & Acting Secretary are the owners. **R & T Mechanical, Inc.** is an industrial mechanical contractor providing services for manufacturing, in areas of new process installation and maintenance of existing processes. R & T was established and incorporated on February 12, 1987 in Lancaster County. Development of a branch operation in Tioga County is being planned to increase sales and better serve customers in the Tioga County Area. A 7,500 square foot manufacturing facility is being constructed in the Lawrenceville Borough. This will be Lawrenceville's first industrial manufacturing operation. Employment will go from thirteen (13) employees in Tioga County to twenty five (25) within three (3) years.

TEAM Pennsylvan!a Business Calling Program 2000 - 2001

TEAM Pennsylvan!a is a dynamic public-private partnership formed to bring business, government, and community and economic development together, making the Commonwealth's businesses and communities stronger in the 21st Century. As the *TEAM Pennsylvan!a* Agent for Tioga County, designated by the Tioga County Board of Commissioners, the *Tioga County Development Corporation* operates this Business Retention Program.

TEAM Pennsylvan!a's Business Calling Program (BCP) is designed to obtain information from businesses to assist the Commonwealth in establishing business policy for the future. Through the Interview Process, specific needs of a company are identified based on the needs and contact is made by *NTRPDC*, *TCDC* and other service providers to provide public assistance to the business. For the Program Year July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, 40 interviews were completed. We exceeded *NTRPDC*'s goal of 25 and completed an additional 15 bonus interviews.

During a recent visit to the Northern Tier Region by Carol Kilko, *TEAM Pennsylvan!a* State Director, an on-site Interview was conducted by Debra Mathers, *NTRPDC TEAM Pennsylvan!a* Program Manager, Robert J. Blair and Lillian Smith, *TCDC* with Timothy J. Baughman, President & CEO of R & T Mechanical, Inc. The interview was held immediately following the **49CORRIDOR** Check Presentation (see **49CORRIDOR** article above).

Assistance for a company may include: low interest loans, tax exemption assistance, public assistance with Small Business Training Grants, benefits of State Certification as a Minority of Woman Business Enterprise, web page assistance or any other need pertaining to business. **If you are a business who has not been interviewed and would like to, please contact Lillian Smith**, *TCDC* Program Specialist, at (570) 723-8232 or eMail tdc3@ptd.net to schedule a meeting and be included with the *TEAM Pennsylvan!a* Business Calling Program.

Carolyn E. Conte Administrative Assistant Graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology / North Campus

President David E. Cummings recently announced the appointment of **Carolyn E. Conte** as Administrative Assistant of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*. Carolyn began her new position on April 23, 2001. Carolyn was formerly employed as a part-time clerk at **Delmar Township**. She graduated with honors from **Pennsylvania College of Technology/North Campus** with an Associate Degree in Office Technology last December. While at Penn College Carolyn performed work study in the Library under the direction of **Sonya Gleason**.

As Administrative Assistant, Carolyn's duties include: Office Management & Public Communications & Interaction (telephone services, reception service, scheduling & attending public meetings); Financial Operations (A/P, payroll, employees fringe benefits & tax reporting, accounts reconciliation); Office Management Procedures (billing, invoicing, building machines operations & monitoring).

Carolyn has lived in Tioga County all her life and has four children: Karen, Kevin, Peter and Joseph. She has three grandchildren — Christine, Brenna, and Bryon.

5th Annual Legislative Breakfast

The **Penn Wells Hotel** Dining Room was filled to capacity on May 4, 2001 for the **5th Annual Legislative Breakfast** sponsored by the *Tioga County Development Corporation*. David E. Cummings, *TCDC* President, served as Master of Ceremony and in his opening comments to the 177 members, Directors, business and community leaders noted, "Legislative activities which occur in Washington and Harrisburg impact our businesses and communities in Tioga County. Our Board firmly believes this annual event provides for an opportunity for our Members to interact with our Legislators." The two hour event began with a Buffet Breakfast at 8:00 AM. Second Vice President **Dr. Edward C. Nichols** provided an inspiring Blessing. Our Members, our businesses and our community had the opportunity to receive a briefing from the Washington perspective through comments from Michael Glazer, Administrative Aid to Congressman John Peterson (R, 5th Congressional District). Congressman Peterson who was scheduled to attend was unable to due to the Budget actions in Washington. State Senator Roger A. Madigan (R, 23rd Senatorial District) and State Representative Matthew E. Baker (R, 68th Legislative District) provided comments from the State perspective affecting economic development and other related issues impacting Tioga County.

"Tioga County is indeed fortunate to have such dedicated public elected officials as Congressman Peterson, Senator Madigan and Representative Baker. Each has been a strong advocate for economic development, job retention and job creation. Our Legislative Breakfast not only informs our members of what is occurring in Harrisburg and Washington, but gives us a chance to thank our Legislators," noted President Cummings.

Several questions and comments were presented to the Legislators on such topics as: Pennsylvania Grand Canyon Airport, PennVEST and other public funding for municipal sewer and water infrastructure projects, out of state solid waste disposal, land use planning and work force development. The Event was carried live by **Blue Ridge Communications, Inc. TV Channel 13** thanks to the effort of *TCDC* Director **Thomas Freeman**, Manager, Blue Ridge Communications, Inc., Mansfield Regional Office.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors we extend our sincere appreciation to our Legislators, our Members and our private and public participants for making the 5th Annual Legislative Breakfast a success. Bringing nearly 180 people together early on a Spring morning to discuss government and economic issues speaks highly of *TCDC* and all who attended." stated President Cummings.

49 CORRIDOR Update Basic Planning Grant Year 6 Received

The **Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)** awarded the **Tioga County Redevelopment Authority** with a \$50,000 Basic Planning Assistance Grant for the Program Year 6 (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001) in May 2001. The funds are used to support the **49 CORRIDOR Enterprise Zone** through the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, the Administrative Entity for the Enterprise Zone Program (EZP). Funds are used; 1) to improve the economic climate in the nine (9) municipalities (**Deerfield Township, Nelson Township, Elkland Borough, Knoxville Borough, Osceola Township, Lawrenceville Borough, Lawrence Township, Westfield Borough and Westfield Township**) Enterprise Zone in the Northern portion of Tioga County; 2) for the development and implementation of the Business Development Strategies (based in a structured survey of local businesses and reflecting the needs of the local private sector); 3) to actively foster and promote the economy of "The Cowanesque Valley"; and 4) for the Administration of the Enterprise Zone. Eleven (11) industries in the EZP account for one third (1/3) of the manufacturing base of Tioga County with 1,368 Jobs and an Annual Payroll of over \$24 Million. These industries are located on 290 acres of land and have over 887,371 total square feet of building area comprised of 18 parcels of land.

Since the **49 CORRIDOR Enterprise Zone** was designated in 1985, three (3) Competitive Grants of \$250,000 each have been awarded to the EZP and loans have been made to **ElectriCord Manufacturing, Inc.** and **Ward Manufacturing, Inc.** Phase I and Phase II of the **WARDFLEX®** Project. Proceeds from the loans are administered by **Citizens & Northern Bank** and are available to be loaned to industries and manufacturers in the Enterprise Zone. The first RLF Loan was approved in August 2000 to **R & T Mechanical, Inc.** (See related story on Page 3)

The **49 CORRIDOR Executive Council Officers (1999-2000)** are: President **David W. Wishard**; Vice President **John J. Abplanalp**; Secretary **David Melton**; Business Development Chair **Paul Goodridge**; Revolving Loan Fund Chair **Scott Keck**; and Site/Infrastructure Development Chair **Jeffrey VanDusen**.

“Town Meeting”

Career & Technology Education (CTE) and Work Force Development

On May 4, 2001, a **“Town Meeting”** was held at the **Pennsylvania College of Technology/ North Campus** from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The concept for the **“Town Meeting”** resulted from a meeting with **Congressman John Peterson**, **TCDC** President Cummings, Immediate Past President C. Frederick LaVancher, and Executive Director Robert J. Blair during a recent tour to Tioga County by the Congressman.

The intention was to have an Open Dialogue and involve the audience as much as possible. There was an extensive list of presenters who were each allotted 3-4 minutes to speak on the planned topics and then the audience was allowed to ask questions during the **“Town Meeting”** portion of the presentation. The layout for the Meeting was set up in a “Talk Show” Format and the Event was taped by **Blue Ridge Communications, Inc. TV Channel 13**.

The Program was comprised of three (3) sections: the **LEGISLATIVE PERSPECTIVE: Work Force Development: Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!**; the **BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE: What We Need in a Work Force**; and the **EDUCATIONAL PERSPECTIVE: Where We are & Where We are Going**. The Legislative portion of the meeting involved **Pennsylvania Senator Roger A. Madigan**, **Pennsylvania Representative Matthew E. Baker**, and **Michael Glazer**, aide to United States Congressman Peterson. They provided comments relative to overall Work Force Development showing the connection between Business & Industry, the Educational Sector and the Public Sector. During the Business portion of the meeting, **Thomas Rice** of **Dominion Transmission**, **Ferlin Patrick** of **Eagle Family Foods, Inc.**, and **Bill Williams** of **Ward Manufacturing, Inc.** addressed the Work Force needs their companies are facing and how we can work together to assure they will have a qualified Work Force for the present and the future. **Debbie Mathers**, Program Manager for **TEAM Pennsylvania (NTRPDC)**, gave a brief report on the Business Calling Program and the priority employers place on Work Force Development Issues. The Educational portion of the meeting consisted of **Jacqueline Bellamy**, Superintendent of **Northern Tioga School District**, **Ronald Boyanowski**, Superintendent of **Southern Tioga School District**, **Donna Mettler**, Superintendent of **Wellsboro Area School District**, **Michael Lane**, Provost of **Mansfield University**, and **Larry Michael**, Associate Dean of **Pennsylvania College of Technology**. Each educator provided a brief summary of their Organization’s Career Development Policy, their goals and objectives, and how they are addressing them.

To close the meeting, **OUR NEXT STEP: Working Together to Assure a Quality Work Force in Tioga County** was discussed to tie in all three perspectives. **Kim Coon**, President of the Educational Resources Group for the State System of Higher Education, was on hand and related his experience in Bedford County as a County Commissioner and offered his assistance in his new position to assist Tioga County to take the next step. The **“Town Meeting”** was a forum for the consideration of what future steps we can take to make sure we can provide our students with a valuable quality education regardless of what profession or vocation they pursue and to meet the needs of our business & industry, providing them with a quality Work Force.

LEDA Grant Received from DCED

State Economic Development Assistance Funds Increase

Showing its commitment to local grassroots economic development, the **Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)** doubled the **Local Economic Development Assistance (LEDA)** Grant Program Funds to economic development organizations throughout the Commonwealth. The **Tioga County Development Corporation** is designated by **Tioga County Commissioners Erick J. Coolidge, Walther G. Barnes and Charles James** as the lead economic development organization in Tioga County. For the year July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, **TCDC** received \$17,814 in May 2001. **TCDC** works closely with the other two (2) state designated IDC’s in our County, the **Betterment Organization of Mansfield (BOOM)** and **Growth Resources of Wellsboro Foundation (GROW)**. The LEDA Funds support the county economic development efforts of **TCDC** to foster and promote the economic development of Tioga County.

The increase in the LEDA funds is the direct result of the involvement of the **Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (PEDA)**. The 2001-2002 DCED Budget includes another increase of the LEDA Program by fifty percent. LEDA Funds are the only direct State funding provided to Industrial Development Corporations at the local grassroots level in the Commonwealth.

TCDC commends the **Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development** for providing this critical funding; the **Pennsylvania Economic Development Association** for leading the charge on behalf of local economic development for LEDA funding; and to the **Tioga County Commissioners** for designating **TCDC** as the lead economic development for Tioga County.

Leadership Tioga County **Youth Leadership Program** **Class of 2001 Graduates**

The *Tioga County Development Corporation's Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program's* Class of 2001 celebrated its graduation on May 6, 2001. The Class consist of thirty high school Juniors representing our three (3) public school districts. The students from **Northern Tioga School District** selected from Cowanesque Valley High School: Robert Cunningham, William Jacobson, Amanda Perry and Joshua Romano; Elkland High School: Troy Baker, Craig Johnson and Kristen Landry; and Williamson High School: Angela Conrad, Krista Deats and Carrie Warso. Representing **Southern Tioga School District** from Liberty High School: Heidi Foulkrod, Joel Ostrom and Skylar Pais; Mansfield High School: Amy Evans, Christina Hughes, Adrian Lovenduski, Elizabeth Nance and Kristina Whipple; and North Penn High School: Nichole Hall and Jason Weaver. Students chosen from **Wellsboro Area School District**: Mary Janae Deats, Meghan Deming, Jennifer Fisher, Stephanie Ley, Nathan Sayre, James Serfass, Maren Smithgall, Elizabeth Townsend, William Watkins and Teri Zuchowski.

These fine young adults committed themselves to a year of learning to be more effective leaders. They gained a new awareness of our County and the various components which comprise our communities and our social interactions. They made new friends from other school districts within Tioga County and represented their School Districts proudly. **We commend and congratulate the Class of 2001! Our future is in good hands!**

Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program has received countywide support from several organizations and individuals. As of June 15, 2001, \$48,714.19 of In-Kind Contributions have been provided to the *Youth Leadership Program* from countless individual volunteers, organizations and businesses. The very heart of the *Youth Leadership Program* has succeeded due to the *Youth Leadership Program* Committee, volunteer coordinators, organizations who have provided "real life" classrooms, and several businesses who have provided food, refreshments and gifts for the students. **We thank everyone who made the 2nd YLP Year a success!**

Leadership Tioga County **Youth Leadership Program** **Class of 2002 Selected**

Thirty students have been selected to represent their school district, Tioga County and the *Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program's Class of 2002*. The students from **Northern Tioga School District** selected from Cowanesque Valley High School: Patrick Chambers, Katherine Foor, Allen Heyler and James Tomb; Elkland High School: Joshua Allen, Sarah Butler and Robin Oxley; and Williamson Jr Sr High School: Rachel English, Victoria Preston and Nicole Smith. Representing **Southern Tioga School District** from Liberty High School: Andrea Haynie, Ira Nienhueser III and Angela Roan; Mansfield High School: Desneige Bourret, Emily Colegrove, Amanda Shedd and Angel Walker; and North Penn High School: Jason Hemling, Lindsey Slater and Susan Wickman. Students chosen from **Wellsboro Area School District** include Stephen Banik, Shannon Bathrick, Michael Bilder, Danielle Cole, Emily D'Ulisse, Raymond Ginn, Erin Grady, Morgan Janeski, James Powell and Adrienne Wong.

Interested students were asked to fill out a four page application and provide a short essay about concerns they have for Tioga County in their Sophomore year. This year, the Program received over 50 applications from Tioga County's three (3) public school districts. From these applications, 30 students were selected to make up the Class of 2002.

The 3rd Year of the *Youth Leadership Program* will begin in September with an **Orientation & Team Building** Session. There will be seven other Sessions following including **Living in a Diverse Community; Understanding Business & Economics; Health & Human Service; Teens & The Law; Communication, Arts & Entertainment; Local, State & Federal Government; and Quality of Life**. The year will end with a **Graduation Ceremony** in May 2002 at the Pennsylvania College of Technology/ North Campus. **Please join us in congratulating these students on their acceptance in the Youth Leadership Program Class of 2002!**

Tioga County Career Days

The *Tioga County Career Day Steering Committee* met on November 9, 2000 and established the dates for the three (3) Career Days in Tioga County for the 2000-2001 School Year. As the result of planning and cooperation among all the Tioga County partners of the *Tioga County Career Day Steering Committee*, three successful School To Work Career Day Programs were held during the 2000-2001 school year:

14th Annual Tioga County High School Career Day

Co-Chairs	Cheryl Zuchowski, Tioga County Public Assistance; Sheila Mosso, Laurel Health System, Ernie Coder, Site Coordinator, Tioga County, NTIEC	
Date	March 23, 2001, Friday	Pennsylvania College of Technology/North Campus
Grades	9 th - 11 th	
Participants:	430 Students	40 Employers

2nd Annual Tioga County Middle School Career Day

Chair	H. Lee Hoar, Penn State Cooperative Extension	
Date	April 20, 2001, Friday	Pennsylvania College of Technology/North Campus
Grades	7 th	
Participants:	505 Students	35 Presenters

4th Annual Tioga County Vehicular Career Day

Chair	David W. Wishard, Northern Tioga School District	
Date	May 7, 2001, Monday	Mansfield University
Grades	3 rd & 4 th	
Participants:	1200 Students	25 Businesses & Industries

Partners in the *Tioga County Career Day Steering Committee* include: **Northern Tier Industry Education Consortium; Tioga County Public Assistance Office; TEAM Pennsylvan!a CareerLink; Laurel Health Service; Penn State Cooperative Extension;**

BLaST IU 17; Mansfield University; Penn College; Northern Tioga School District; Wellsboro Area School District; and the *Tioga County Development Corporation*.

MARK YOUR CALANDER for Next Year's Events: 15th Annual High School Career Day, October 26, 2001; 3rd Annual Middle School Career Day to be announced; and 5th Annual Vehicular Career Day, May 6, 2002.

Kacy J. Zuchowski Joins the TCDC Family Through the TCPFCH AmeriCorps*VISTA Program

Kacy J. Zuchowski was recently accepted as a member of the **AmeriCorps*VISTA** Summer Program through the *Tioga County Partnership for Community Health (TCPFCH)* and is working at the *Tioga County Development Corporation* from June 11 until August 10, 2001. Kacy, 18, graduated from **Wellsboro Area High School** on June 8, 2001, and plans to attend Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia starting in the Fall. Double majoring in Political Science and International Studies, she plans on becoming a diplomat working around the world. Kacy has resided in Wellsboro all her life and lives with her parents, Bill and Cheryl Zuchowski, and her two sisters, Teri (*Youth Leadership Program* Class of 2001 Graduate) and Megan.

Kacy has been an active member in many community activities including Hamilton-Gibson Productions, WHS Model United Nations Club, chorus, band and church. She is proud to have been a member of the first graduating class of **Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program** in 2000.

While at *TCDC*, Kacy will be working with **TEAM Pennsylvan!a**, **Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program**, as well as many other programs and projects around the county. So far, she has completed an extensive application for Sales Tax Exemption for the *Tioga County Foundation*, a Media Release, this Newsletter; participated in a **TEAM Pennsylvan!a** Interview; attended various *TCDC* meetings and researched Grants to benefit the **Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program**.



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From the President . . .

"I can't imagine economic development in Tioga County without TCDC." This statement was made to me recently as I was discussing the plans for our Annual Meeting. That remark really hit home with me. The *Tioga County Development Corporation* is celebrating our **10th Anniversary** this year and our impact has been impressive.

Fifty-three women and men from every corner of Tioga County, representing business, industry, education, health care, agriculture, utilities, government, and private citizens have served as Directors. A great many *OTHERS* have contributed their services since the chartering of the *Tioga County Economic Development Task Force* by the Tioga County Commissioners in 1989, and later the incorporation of the *Tioga County Development Corporation* on May 22, 1991. All of these individuals have unselfishly devoted their time and talents toward achieving the goals of the Corporation for the benefit of all of Tioga County and we owe them a great debt of gratitude. Since 1991 *TCDC* has generated more than \$1,000,000 in income for the Corporation through grants, contracts, fees, memberships and contributions. More than 250 businesses, organizations and individuals support *TCDC* through Memberships. *TCDC* has worked closely with federal, state, county and local government leaders on important issues that effect our county and has received recognition for its efforts. *TCDC* strives to affect the future by our partnerships with *Tioga County Partnership for Community Health, Northcentral AHEC, NTRPDC, Laurel Health System, Mansfield University, Pennsylvania College of Technology, BOOM, GROW, Elkland and Westfield IDC's, Northern Tier Industry Educational Consortium, Tioga County Career Development Committee, K-16 Council, and School to Work Initiatives and our Youth Leadership Program* with our three public school systems, *Southern Tioga, Northern Tioga and Wellsboro School Districts*. *TCDC's* reach is great indeed!

TCDC formed the *Tioga County Foundation*, a 501 (c)(3) charitable foundation for scholarship and educational programs. *Leadership Tioga County* has been a great success as we enter our 3rd year of the *Youth Leadership Program*, and we're about to embark on the first year of the *Community Leadership Program*. We thank the more than 130 volunteers and organizations who dedicate themselves to the success of *Leadership Tioga County*.

I commend the *TCDC* staff for their dedication and hard work. Without them *TCDC* would not be successful. The enthusiasm of Program Specialist Lillian Smith and the professional demeanor of Administrative Assistant Carolyn Conte under the leadership of Executive Director Bob Blair, whose expertise in economic development, grant writing, workforce development and education are unparalleled, compose a team of which we can be very proud.

As we begin the 21st Century, we are reviewing our past Three Year Plan and developing plans and goals for the future. Our Mission for the past ten years has been and continues to be *"to foster and promote the economic development of Tioga County, passionately striving to improve the quality of life of our communities, our residents, our business & industry and our environment in our quest to make Tioga County . . . a place to call home."*

David E. Cummings
President