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**A Message From the
Executive Director**



We continue to hear rumors about Wal-Mart planning to locate a new store here in the Philipsburg area. Most people don't know that in late 2001, the Partnership received a formal proposal from a Pittsburgh area developer on behalf of Wal-Mart. We had just completed the construction of our Moshannon Valley Regional Business Park in July of that year. The proposal would have involved changing the road, infrastructure and subdivision of the land to meet Wal-Mart's requirements. Over \$2.0 million of taxpayer dollars were spent to create the Business Park. The MVEDP's board of directors reviewed the proposal and voted against it.

Regarding the persistent rumors that Wal-Mart is still planning to locate in the area, I can only say that there has been nothing reported in the local newspapers about any such proposal being presented to any of our local governments. We follow the meeting reports of our local units of government such as the Decatur and Rush Township boards of supervisors and have seen nothing about such a major development. There has been no proposal submitted to the local or county planning commissions.

While some might welcome a Wal-Mart store to the area, we are concerned about how the siting of a store here would negatively impact our existing retailers.

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**MVEDP Board of Directors
Election Set for October**

In October of each year, the MVEDP holds the election of board members. This year, there are four current MVEDP board members up for re-election: Rusty Christoff, Rick Kistler, Jim Pollock, and Tom Scott. These four board members are interested in running for re-election to keep their seats on the board.

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**Philipsburg Area Hospital Site
Officially a KOEZ**



The Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development recently announced that the site of the former Philipsburg Area Hospital has been approved as a new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone (KOEZ). Credit goes to the Rush Township Supervisors, Philipsburg-Osceola Area School District, and Centre County government for making this designation possible.

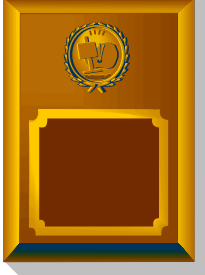
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MVEDP Presents Perseverance Award



Each year, the Partnership presents its "Perseverance Award" to a deserving graduate of the South Hills School of Business & Technology. The award recognizes a student for their determination in overcoming obstacles to make something good out of their lives. On Wednesday, September 19th, at the SHSB&T graduation ceremony, our Perseverance Award was presented to Sarah Campbell.

Sarah overcame all of the obstacles that she faced to graduate with an Associate in Specialized Business degree. She is originally from the Tyrone area and now lives and works in Altoona. Two years ago, she was selected to receive one of the Partnership's financial scholarships. Congratulations to Sarah.

Get Paid for Helping the MVEDP!

The MVEDP helps the private sector to generate new employment opportunities by providing sites and building space to businesses. Anyone who brings a lead (business owner) to the MVEDP that buys a lot in our Business Park, or rents space in either of our two multi-tenant buildings **will be paid a 5% finder's fee**. For example, if a new lease is signed and \$30,000 in rent will be paid over a two-year period, the "finder" will be paid a lump sum fee of \$1,500.00! The MVEDP considers everyone in the community to be its partner in working to enhance the economy of this region. Bring us a new business tenant or business owner that purchases land in our Regional Business Park and **GET PAID!**

Candidates Forum to be Held in October



For the first time in over 35 years, there will be someone new representing the 74th State House District in the Clearfield/Moshannon Valley region. State Representative Camille "Bud" George will be retiring later this year.

The MVEDP is planning a candidates forum to provide the candidates for the 74th House seat an opportunity to explain their views on the key issues facing the state of Pennsylvania. The candidates

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The KOEZ designation means that property taxes will be waived through December 31, 2022. Since the property is owned by the taxpayers of our state, there are no property taxes being generated from the property now. The Partnership pursued the KOEZ designation because it is our hope that the site might one day be cleared and made ready for new development.

C. Alan Walker of the Bigler area is now the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. Alan has been helping the Partnership in dealing with the three state agencies that have a role in the property: Department of General Services, Department of Public Welfare, and the Department of Environmental Protection. Through his involvement, meetings have been held in Harrisburg with the top officials of those agencies in attendance.

There is a shortage of ready-to-go sites available for new development in our area. The 14.77 acre former hospital site is served by sewer and water infrastructure and is located close to the PA Route 322 bypass. We believe that there is good potential for this site to be developed but if the buildings remain on the site, there will be no new development there. Our goal now is to get the Harrisburg folks to agree to clear the site of the buildings. The issue is getting them to agree to commit our taxpayer dollars to such a project. We'll keep you posted.

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The Central PA Regional Business & Industry Expo provides the business community with an opportunity to promote their products and services to other businesses and consumers from throughout the region. This year's expo will be held on:

Date: November 8, 2012
 Time: 1:00 PM to 6:30PM
 Location: Bryce Jordan Center
 127 Bryce Jordan Center
 University Park, PA 16802

It will be an exciting day that you won't want to miss! Take advantage of this opportunity to promote your business - register today! For more information about the event or to register log on to: www.cbicc.org.

TRAINING WORKSHOP

The 3rd Annual North Central Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)/Enterprise Development Program Conference will be held Thursday, October 18th, 2012 at The Red Fern Restaurant in St. Mary's, Elk County beginning at 9:00 AM. There is no registration fee. Seating is limited! Registration will be offered on a first-come first-served basis and will close one week before the event. The conference registration form can be accessed at this Web Site <http://www.ncentral.com/index.php?page=procurement-technical-assistance-program>.

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Learn more:

<http://ideapitch.smeal.psu.edu>

Important Dates:

Closing date for team formation: 01/31/13

Final Date for posting your entry: 02/08/13

Announcement of 1st round winners: 02/15/13

"Final Eight" round and presentation of prizes: 2/22/13

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To register contact: Samantha Van Horn

svanhorn@seda-cog.org

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Casino at Lakemont Park

300 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona, PA

Cost: \$35.00/person

Deadline to register: October 10, 2012

To register contact: Tina Taylor

ttaylor@sapdc.org

October 25, 2012

Export Management Compliance Program Seminar (EMCP)

Red Fern, Kersey, PA

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Cost: \$25.00/person

Deadline to register October 15, 2012

To register contact: Christine Perneski

ncexport@ncentral.com

A Message

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When the Wal-Mart located to the Clearfield area years ago, two grocery stores, two smaller department stores and a hardware store then closed. We do not want the same thing to happen here in the Philipsburg/Moshannon Valley area.

Election

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If anyone from the area is interested in running for a seat on the board, they should contact the MVEDP before Friday, October 5th. The election ballot will then be prepared and mailed to the dues-paying members of the Partnership.

FORUM

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include Democratic Party candidate Mark McCracken while the Republican Party candidate is Tommy Sankey.

The forum will be held on October 17th at Windy Hill Village and breakfast will be served. More details to follow!

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