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#### MARCELLUS SHALE



The MVEDP is watching Harrisburg closely to see what results from Governor Rendell's

The Philipsburg Main Street Pro-

gram and

Philips-

proposal to enact a severance tax on natural gas extraction. The Governor made the announcement as he signed Senate Bill 1042, the state's fiscal code. The bill

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# Philipsburg Farmers' Market



burg Borough are have partnered to open the Philipsburg Farmers' Market. The market takes place every Friday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm through September and is located in Municipal Parking Lot #1 located at 112 East Presqueisle Street, between Front and Second Streets in Historic Downtown Philipsburg.

Locally grown produce, plants, and flowers are be available in season as well as locally made baked goods, jams, jellies, and more. According to chairperson and

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# What You Need to Know Energy Deregulation

The MVEDP recently hosted a seminar on energy deregulation. John Shimko, Manager for First Energy of Clearfield explained deregulation and discussed what businesses should be doing now and in the future to prevent significant energy cost increases.

First, when the "caps" are removed in January businesses will be able to shop for their energy

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# MVEDP Annual Golf Outing 2010

The MVEDP held its 21st Annual Golf Outing and Picnic on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. The event was cosponsored by Hughes Engineering and Pennoni and Associates.

18 teams competed in three flights. First Flight winners were Mike McKinney, Mike O'Niell, Allen Pryde and Fred Farber. Second Flight winners were Mike LaFuria, Ryan Doyle, Emily Gette-Doyle, and Richard Snyder. Third Flight winners were Bryan Bennett, Thad Johnson, Greg Start and Jeff Vaughn. Two on course prizes were awarded for "closest to the pin", those prizes went to Arch Myers and Mike O'Niell. One on course prize

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#### 1st Flight Winners



**Left to right**: Fred Farber, Mike McKinney, Allen Pryde, Mike O'Niell

#### **3rd Flight Winners**



**Left to right:** Greg Stark, Bryan Bennett, Jeff Vaughn, Thad Johnson

#### 2nd Flight Winners



**Left to right:** Richard Snyder, Mike LaFuria, Ryan Doyle, Emily Gette-Doyle

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was awarded for "closest to the Line", that prize went to Craig Coon. This is the second year the MVEDP has solicited sponsors for the event and it was very successful! Thank you to our prime sponsors, Pennoni & Associates and Hughes Engineering. In addition, we would like to thank those who sponsored holes: Pennoni Associates, Inc., Hughes Engineering, Walter Hopkins & Company, Charles Jones Insurance Agency, Christoff Mitchell Petroleum, Clearfield Bank 7 Trust, CNB Bank, Stone Valley Construction, Keller Engineers, Olenick's Printing & Photography, Karen Blair & Robert Brand, South Hills Schools of Business & Technology, Fried Diehl's of Philipsburg, Geo Tech Engineering, AmeriSery Financial Bank. Bock's Dining & Tea Room, and Keller Tire & Auto. We would also like to thank the following businesses for donating door prizes: Keller Engineers, Geo Tech Engineering, Clearfield Hospital, Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership, Charles Navasky & Company, Central Steamer Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, and Paul C. Fischer Pro Shop and Dr. William Harkins. Thank you to everyone who participated. See you next year!



#### LUMBER HERITAGE REGION HOLDS RAFFLE FOR SPECIAL EDITION RIFLE



The Lumber Heritage Region of Pennsylvania is one of the 12 Heritage Areas in Pennsylvania. Its mission is to preserve, relate,

and enhance the history and heritage of the people and their relationship with the Pennsylvania Forests. Centre County is member of the Lumber Heritage Region because of its rich lumber history and promotion of sustainable forestry today!

As a way of commemorating the lumber history of the Pennsylvania, the Lumber Heritage Region commissioned the Rocky Mountain Firearms to create a commemorative rifle.

This family heirloom is a tribute to the history of the Lumber Industry in Pennsylvania. The Lumber Heritage Special Edition Henry .45 LC is for those collectors who cherish both history and beautiful art. The rifle is fully plated in 24-carat gold with artwork highlighted in jewelry-grade nickel, a beautiful canvas for this work of art. The retail value of the Special Edition rifle is \$3,495!

Only 30 of these rifles have been made and the Lumber Heritage Region is holding a raffle for one of the rifles. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each and there will only be 1,000 tickets sold! Drawing for the rifle will take place on September 4, 2010!

Raffle tickets can be purchased online through the Lumber Heritage Region website at www.lumberheritage.org. By calling Lumber Heritage Region at 814-486-0213. Or by contacting your local Lumber Heritage Representative, Emily Gette-Doyle 814-342-2260 or

email Emily@mvedp.org . Get your



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allows for transfers into the General Fund to balance the state's fiscal year 2010-11 budget. The bill also contains language that affirms the commonwealth's intent to enact a severance tax by October 1<sup>st</sup>. According to the Governor, the rich natural gas deposits in the Marcellus Shale represent a tremendous opportunity in the form of new jobs and economic stimulus to mostly rural communities across the

commonwealth. For more information on the fiscal year 2010-11 budget, visit www.pa.gov. For more information about natural gas drilling in



### MARKET CONTINUED PAGE 1

tickets today!

Philipsburg Borough Manager, Jan McDonald, additional vendors will be added as the season progresses.

The market has been operating since 2004 and for the first time has partnered with the Philipsburg Borough to host the event. There is a \$5.00 weekly vendor fee to participate and vendors should be aware that if you are selling prepared foods, you must have liability insurance and the appropriate licenses as required by federal, state, county, and/or local government. Tables and/or tents can be provided on a first come first served basis.

Anyone interested in becoming a vendor or in obtaining more information should contact Philipsburg Borough at 814-342-3440 or the Main Street Program at 814-342-2260 or visit www.PhilipsburgPA.org.

visit www.depweb.state.pa.us.

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#### UPCOMING BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

#### Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Westminster Place at Windy Hill Village 5:30-7:30pm.

Emily Gette-Doyle, Program Manager Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership, Inc. 200 Shady Lane Philipsburg, PA 16866 814-342-2260, www.mvedp.org emily@mvedp.org



#### **Advertising Opportunity**

Reserve your space in the "Moshannon Valley Progress." Take advantage of absolutely **free** advertising for your business. Contact the Partnership for details. Contact Sharon Yingling at 814-342-2260 or send an email to sharonf@mvedp.org. Advertising is free to Partnership members only. Limited space available so call today.

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- 6 Lots Still Available
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- Complete With All Utilities

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suppliers. Anyone who does not switch will be charged a set fee by Penelec. Benefits to switching providers include avoiding charges by purchasing the correct product, contracting with

the correct supplier, and negotiating the correct contract language. There are companies that can help you shop. The downside to switching is that you may get separate bills from your generator versus your transmitter. Also, utility prices change over time. It is possible that you may pay more than the utility rate for a short period of time. Penelec does not know today what the rates will be in January.

There are also grant funds available to businesses who upgrade fixtures and equipment. FirstEnergy has launched a variety of incentive and assistance programs designed to encourage commercial and industrial customers of Met-Ed, Penelec, and Penn-Power to install highefficiency equipment. These programs are designed to offset a portion of the incremental cost associated with high-efficiency equipment. Incentives will be provided to customers who install qualifying equipment, helping to meet the goals established by Act 129 of 2008. Incentives are available for qualifying equipment installed on or after October 28, 2009. FirstEnergy's programs for businesses, government, and nonprofit customers include: two lighting programs that provide incentive for installing highefficiency lighting fixtures and controls, a program to promote the purchase of efficient motors and variable speed drives, an HVAC program to encourage non-residential customers to install high efficiency heating and air conditioning systems, and audit and technical assessment programs to identify opportunities to increase energy efficiency throughout a facility or building. In some cases 100% of the cost is reimbursed. Don't wait! Visit

<u>www.energysavepa.com</u> for an application and additional information.

# Housing Rehab Grant



Left to right: Ray Buynak, Senator John Wozniak's Office, Andy Rebar, Decatur Twp. Supervisor, State Rep., Camille George, Sherrie Beals, Housing Rehab Admin., and Stan LaFuria Exec. Dir. MVEDP

The Decatur Township Supervisors, State Senator John Wozniak and State Representative Camille George announced that Decatur Township was recently approved for a \$500,000.00 grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. Funds are provided through the Department's 2008 HOME Program and will be used for single-family, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation in six eastern Clearfield County communities: the townships of Decatur, Cooper, Morris, and the boroughs of Chester Hill, Osceola Mills, and Wallaceton.

The Partnership's goal for the program is to ensure that when the rehabilitation is completed, the property meets an acceptable standard and will in safe, sanitary and decent condition for a reasonable period of time. Conditional grants for eligible applicants are available of up to \$18,750.00.

The program's requirements include being a single unit owner -occupied home, permanently affixed to applicant's land, residing in one of the six eastern-Clearfield County municipalities listed above. Income eligible applicants are those that fall within the most current Section 8 HUD income guidelines.

For more information on the program please contact Sherrie Beals, Housing Rehabilitation Administrator, at 814-342-2260.

#### SOUTH HILLS SCHOOL EXPANSION

The South Hills School of Business and Technology, Philipsburg campus recently expanded their facilities in order to accommodate record enrollment numbers for Fall 2010. The staff at the MVEDP did the construction work and the rooms will be ready for the start of fall classes. For more information visit their website <a href="https://www.southhills.edu">www.southhills.edu</a>.

#### Thank You!

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership and the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation **Thank You** for your support of our economic and community development efforts!

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# HISTORICAL FOUNDATION MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

The Philipsburg Historical Foundation Museum is now open for tours each Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm the museum located at 203 North Front Street. The Simler House and the Union "Old Mud" church are also open for free tours every Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm through Labor Day weekend.

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# "BREP" Business Retention & Expansion Program

The MVEDP in partnership with the SEDA-COG and the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning & Development Commission has conducted a number of Business Retention and Expansion Program (BREP) interviews during the past couple months. The program, funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requires economic development professionals to survey and assess the needs of existing businesses in the region. BREP is one of the nation's most aggressive job retention programs. It was established in 1997 to forge better working relationships and stronger collaboration among various public, private, state and local economic development organizations, with the goal of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of efforts to retain and grow existing Pennsylvania businesses. Since its inception, representatives involved in BREP have completed over 73,400 visits to Pennsylvania businesses. The Partnership conducted 24 interviews this year with local businesses. The Partnership expresses its sincere thanks to all those companies who participated in the program this year.

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