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October Calendar Winners

Date	Number	Buyer	Seller	Amt.
10/01/15	336	Adam Bible	Adam Bible	\$10
10/02/15	366	Linda Sargent	Tabitha Tucker	\$10
10/03/15	291	Mike Sharp	Megan Disque	\$10
10/04/15	992	Steven Irvin	Kristen Kunig	\$10
10/05/15	788	Pauline Holmes	Megan Disque	\$10
10/06/15	967	NONE		
10/07/15	428	NONE		
10/08/15	278	NONE		
10/09/15	541	Marilyn Jablonski	Lynnette Hutchins	\$10
10/10/15	171	NONE		
10/11/15	385	Jim & Tracey Hutchinson	Megan Disque	\$10
10/12/15	503	Kathy Guth	Tabitha Tucker	\$10
10/13/15	369	NONE		
10/14/15	620	Ben Piercy	Heidi Lewis	\$10
10/15/15	881	Stevie Doksa	Chris Hanlon	\$10
10/16/15	438	Emil Flinchbaugh	Greg Flinchbaugh	\$10
10/17/15	007	Jackie Mitskavich	Diane Sedor	\$10
10/18/15	057	Jeff Corklin	Jan Dodd	\$10
10/19/15	870	Kurt Nesbitt	Jackie Wilson	\$10
10/20/15	645	Tammy Rapp	Tammy Rapp	\$10
10/21/15	383	Jennifer Klingler	Jennifer Klingler	\$10
10/22/15	361	James Starr	Bill Singley	\$10
10/23/15	563	NONE		
10/24/15	224	Patty Collins	Juanet Shefchunas	\$10
10/25/15	995	NONE		
10/26/15	388	Doug Myers	Megan Disque	\$10
10/27/15	696	Cynthia Ward-Moore	Claritha Meyers	\$10
10/28/15	840	Kathy Guth	Tabitha Tucker	\$10
10/29/15	391	NONE		
10/30/15	049	Colan Curran	Megan Disque	\$10
10/31/15	006	NONE		



Staff Birthdays!

Gabrielle Pearce (DuBois) – November 4
Mary Thompson (Seneca) – November 4
Mary Grecco (DuBois) – November 11
Sue Keelan (Seneca) – November 17
Brooke Zeitler (DuBois) – November 21
Jenny Myers (Seneca) – November 28



Staff Anniversaries!

Jenny Myers - (Seneca) - October 10th - 1 year
Chris Hanlon - (Dubois) - October 28th - 2 years
Diane Sedor - (Dubois) - October 29th - 3 years
Bekah Stoltz - (Seneca) - October 29th - 3 years
Lewis Green - (Seneca) - October 30th - 14 years



NICE HALLOWEEN COSTUME

What are you supposed to be,
a volkswagen?

motifake.com

**I'll bet living in a nudist
colony takes all the fun
out of Halloween**

BestCardMessages.com

DUBOIS

C/J Packaging celebrated Halloween on October 30th. The participants enjoyed Fox's Pizza, dessert, and beverages. The participants also enjoyed music by DJ Mad Max. The participants were judged on their costumes. Prizes were given out to the cutest, scariest, most creative, and funniest costume. Everyone looked great in their Halloween costumes. A great time was had by all!!!



SENECA

Seneca celebrated Halloween on October 30th. There was a lot of dancing and a lot of laughter. The staff had a trunk or treat for all of the participants and passed out a variety of different treats. They really enjoyed that. There was Pizza for lunch and costume judging. It was a great, fun-filled day!



CLARION

Clarion celebrated Halloween on October 30th. They had a superhero theme Halloween party and ate superhero sandwiches, chips, and cookies. Mike the Majic DJ played music and they danced for hours! There was Halloween jingo, a costume contest, and each participant received a treat bag. It was a fun day!!





In the daily grind of life, we sometimes fail in being grateful and recognizing all of the good that is done on our behalf. Here is an inspirational teamwork story that demonstrates that there are many working on a team that we often times fail to recognize for their good work.

This teamwork story is about a US Naval Academy graduate and jet fighter pilot in Vietnam by the name of Charles Plumb. He had completed 75 combat missions when he was shot down. Plumb was ejected and parachuted into enemy hands afterwards spending six years in a Vietnamese prison. Fortunately, he survived and today lectures on the many lessons he learned.

One day while eating at a restaurant with his wife, a man came up and said, “You’re Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!”

“How in the world did you know that?” asked Plumb. “I packed your parachute,” the man replied. Charles Plumb in surprise and gratitude had to catch his breath.

The man then shook his hand and said, “I guess it worked!” Plumb assured him it had and said, “if your chute hadn’t worked, I wouldn’t be here today.”

That night Plumb could not sleep. He said, “I kept pondering what the man might have looked like in a Navy uniform – a Dixie cup hat, a bib in the back, and bell bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said good morning, how are you, or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor.”

Plumb thought a lot about that man who had packed his parachute and the hours he spent at a wooden table at the bottom of the ship carefully packing his and others’ chutes. He held in his hands those chutes; the fate of someone he did not even know.

Charles Plumb is now a motivational speaker telling this story to hundreds. He always asks his audiences after telling it, “Who’s packing your parachute?”

In our life, many people have a hand in our parachutes. Are we taking the time to acknowledge them, thank them, reward them? It is very easy to overlook the work of many. When an athletic team has won a championship, do you ever hear them thank the trainer, the cook, the bus driver? Do they take the time to reward them too? Moral of the story **It takes a lot of people to create a championship team!**

Congratulations!



Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Seneca, PA
High School: Cranberry
Birthdate: 3/9/1996
Weight: 184 lbs.



ZACH BRUCE

2014-15: In his first collegiate competition, Zach went 4-3 at the Nittany Lion Open to place eighth in the 184 pound weight class. He started things off with a 6-1 decision over Rutgers' Lucky Shaut, reeled off three straight wins in the consolation bracket with a 3-1 decision against Mark Tracy (Binghamton), a 9-3 decision over Tyler Melees (Army), and a 9-7 decision versus Samson Imonde (Army). He had one win at each the Purple Raider Open and National Collegiate Open, where he pinned Troy Murtha (Princeton) in 2:39.

High School: Zach compiled a 116-29 career record wrestling at Cranberry High School. He was named the most improved wrestler and had the most pins on the roster in each of his final two seasons. He finished his senior year 33-1 and was a stat qualifier, was 32-6 during his junior season and registered the most wins in a season with 36 as a sophomore. He was 15-11 as a freshman.

Personal: Born March 9th, 1996. He is the son of Gerry and Kerri Bruce and has one younger sister. He was a four-year honor roll recipient in high school and was named Scholar Athlete his senior year. He received the Army National Guard Academic award as a senior. In addition to wrestling, he played football and ran cross country and track.

Statistics

	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Duals</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>Falls</i>	<i>Tech Falls</i>	<i>Major Deci-sions</i>	<i>Points</i>
2014-15	184	6-3	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	0

Congratulations to Lanie Fry and Phillip Scherer on Phillip obtaining employment at Sears.

Job well done! They both worked very hard on this!



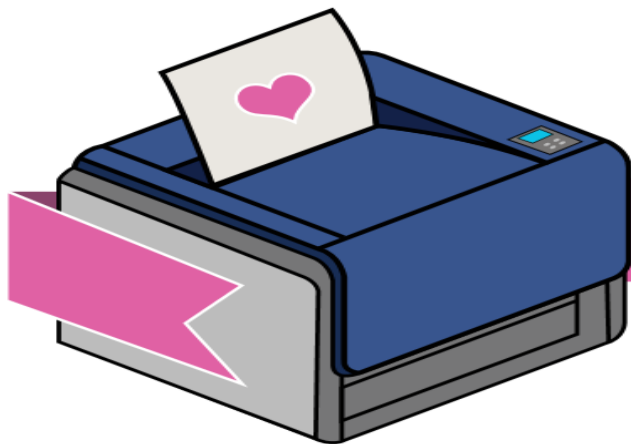
On Veterans Day, we honor all the men and women who have kept our country safe and free. From the millions who have served, we occasionally tell the story of an individual who embodies what it means to be a Veteran. Here is an inspirational story highlighting the courage and resilience of Army Veteran Major Anthony Smith.



Major Anthony Smith Maj. Smith took a direct hit from a rocket-propelled grenade. The missile went through his hip and stomach before it exploded, throwing him against a brick wall. The shrapnel from the grenade took off his arm and the enemy kept firing, getting off several rounds at his maimed body. Medics found him on the field and tried to save him. They did a tracheotomy but when it didn't work, pronounced him dead and placed him in a body bag. The nurse opened the body bag to place his dog tags in with him when she saw oxygen bubbles in the blood where they had opened the tracheotomy. He was still alive. During the operation to save him, Smith was given the wrong blood and he went into shock for 62 days. When he awakened at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio Texas, he had severe amnesia, and he stayed there for about a year for rehabilitation. After he was discharged, Smith began training for the Paralympics team but was injured again and rushed to the emergency room at the Memphis VA Medical Center. So far, he has had more than 100 surgeries. Smith remembers, "At the time it happened, I thought I was going to die. I went through many surgeries and am thankful for getting through it all. There are things that I can't do that I used to do." He had to learn to write and throw a ball to his child with his left hand. "I have to adapt to get them done. But the silver lining is that it has given me an open door to help others and be a mentor to others. "When I had a setback, I was sent to the VA in Memphis and was there for almost two years. I would not have come this far without the care and rehab I received there. I could name so many names of the people who have helped me. I now volunteer there so I can help other Veterans." Smith volunteers at the Memphis VA, teaching Tai Chi to Veterans. A native of Columbus, Mississippi, he attended Alcorn State University in Mississippi and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army in 1990. "Veterans Day is a re-



minder to everyone not to forget the men and women who have served," said the Purple Heart recipient. "Our work is a little different than most — in most cases it's a matter of life and death. We put it on the line for this country, and would do it over and over again in a heartbeat. I hope people in every community always set aside some time to honor the good things Veterans have done and are doing to help others."



Congratulations to all of the staff for their teamwork and commitment to taking second place in the recent 60 for 60 copier contest. Thanks to everyone for their votes! We were awarded two pieces of equipment: a Xerox CPO 7120 Copier/Printer/Scanner/Fax and a Xerox CPO 3550 Desktop Copier/Printer/Scanner/Fax.

Alone we can
do so little;
together we can
do so much.



“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

Andrew Carnegie



Welcome new hires

Liberty Goodman - Janitorial
Brandon McMillen - Janitorial
Dawn Conner - 1:1 in Clarion
Amy Donohue - HCH in Dubois
Gabrielle Pearce - HCH in Dubois
Devon Porterfield - Program Specialist in Seneca



Transfers

Bekah Stoltz to Program Director in Seneca

Monthly Staff Drawing

Month	Winner	Prize
October	Mary Grecco	Candle
November	Alli Mitchell	Pampers

If you would like to share an inspirational story, a fundraiser notification, photos of an outing, or anything that you are excited to share, please send the information to Melinda at mwarham@vtdc.org.

