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VTDC BULLETIN



Venango Training and Development Center, Inc.

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January Calendar Winners

Date	#	Winner	Sold by	\$\$
01/01/16	685	NONE		
01/02/16	218	ROD DUNKLE	BRENDA ZIMMERMAN	\$10
01/03/16	456	STACEY SOUSGIVER	MEGAN DISQUE	\$10
01/04/16	826	NONE		
01/05/16	898	NONE		
01/06/16	117	NONE		
01/07/16	657	DAVID R. MILLER	ANGEL LUTCHER	\$10
01/08/16	277	NONE		
01/09/16	134	CAROL FROST	AMY BAILEY	\$10
01/10/16	645	NONE		
01/11/16	421	NONE		
01/12/16	216	BETTY ABRAMS	RHEA JONES	\$10
01/13/16	023	JUDY KENNEDY	JUDY KENNEDY	\$10
01/14/16	387	BILL ROBINSON	LISA GRONER	\$10
01/15/16	797	NONE		
01/16/16	440	NONE		
01/17/16	453	EMERICK ISOVITSCH	PHIL SCHERER	\$10
01/18/16	450	CRAIG AND CINDY PATTON	CHRIS HANLON	\$10
01/19/16	394	SCOTT KENNEDY	PHIL SCHERER	\$10
01/20/16	559	JANE HIGHHOUSE	PHIL SCHERER	\$10
01/21/16	567	MARGIE ZENDER	PHIL SCHERER	\$10
01/22/16	038	NONE		
01/23/16	359	JORDAN PLACER	JUSTIN PLACER	\$10
01/24/16	793	DON AND NORMA WESTOVER	LAUREN JOLLEY	\$10
01/25/16	867	HELEN RODDY	MEGAN DISQUE	\$10
01/26/16	356	JIM ECHEVOR	MEGAN DISQUE	\$10
01/27/16	578	JOANNA REYNOLDS	CLOYD KNAVEL	\$10
01/28/16	637	LINDA FOY	MEGAN DISQUE	\$10
01/29/16	224	MERLE GRAHAM	PHIL SCHERER	\$10
01/30/16	021	NONE		
01/31/16	579	NONE		

Awesome!



Staff Birthdays!



JANUARY

Diane Russell, Plant Manager – Seneca (1/5)

Tim Hillyard, Janitorial (1/6)

Bruce Thompson, Truck Driver - DuBois (1/8)

Bekah Stoltz, Program Director - Seneca (1/10)

Rose Sanner, Accts Receivable - Seneca (1/14)

 **Brandon McMillen, Janitorial (1/24)**

Bob Willmeth, Truck Driver – Seneca (1/24)

**Angela Banner, Accountant/Payroll
Seneca (1/30)**

**Jennifer Makufka, Prev-Voc Instructor
DuBois (1/31)**

FEBRUARY

Jack Perry, Pre-Voc Instructor – Seneca (2/2)

**Harry Whittemore, FWL Coordinator
Seneca (2/3)**

Judy Kennedy, Macropak - Seneca (2/8)

 **John McCool, Janitorial (2/14)**

Richard Phillips, Janitorial (2/14)

Alli Mitchell, Prog Specialist - Seneca (2/18)

Steve Mortland, Janitorial (2/19)

Denny Peden, COO – Seneca (2/24)

Mary Hunsberger, MWC Leader - Seneca (2/27)

Emma Pepper, Janitorial (2/28)

MARCH



Kevin Berry, Janitorial (3/8)

Ron Radecki, Janitorial (3/18)

Steve Phillips, Janitorial (3/19)

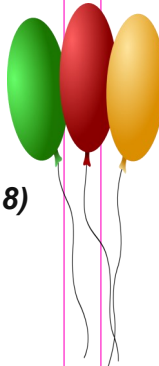
**Randall Hickey, Human Service Aide
DuBois (3/22)**

Tabitha Tucker, Accts. Payable - Seneca (3/22)

Kim Dolan, Pre-Voc Instructor - Seneca (3/24)

Billie Guiste, Pre-Voc Instr.- Clarion (3/24)

Jessica O'Neil, CHB Instructor - Seneca (3/30)



Staff Anniversaries!

JANUARY

Carol Hovis, Janitorial – (1/3/1995)

**Ben Brown, Truck Driver/Warehouse
DuBois (1/6/2015)**

**Lauren Jolley, General Accountant
Seneca (1/6/2014)**

**Kristina Ross, CHB Instructor
Seneca (1/7/2013)**

**Bob Willmeth, Truck Driver
Seneca (1/7/2013)**

**Tabitha Tucker, Accounts Payable
Seneca (1/14/2013)**

**Mary Thompson, HR Assistant
Seneca (1/19/2015)**

FEBRUARY

Diane Russell, Plant Manager - Seneca (2/2/2015)

**Jessica Kerlin, Program Specialist
Clarion (2/7/2011)**

Mary Berry, Janitorial (2/9/2015)

Lydia McFadden, Janitorial (2/10/2012)

Richard Phillips, Janitorial (2/13/2009)

Steve Phillips, Janitorial (2/19/2007)

Colleen Stuart, CEO – Seneca (2/19/1990)

**Brooke Zeitler, FWTL Coordinator
DuBois (2/24/2014)**

**Marti Jo Wilt, FWL Assistant Coordinator
DuBois (2/25/2013)**

MARCH

**Karen Alley, FWTL Direct Care/Peer Specialist -
Dubois (3/9/2015)**

Alli Mitchell, Prog Specialist – Seneca (3/9/2015)

**Gwen Reinsel, Prog Specialist – Clarion
(3/9/2015)**

**Brianna Myers, HCH Instructor – DuBois
(3/23/2015)**

Deb Banner, CHB Instructor – Clarion (3/26/2014)

Kevin Berry, Janitorial (3/31/2015)





Below is a photo of the participants at Clarion Crossing Bridges. They made these hats for the New Year. What an awesome job!





Crossing Bridges, Venango

The gang at Venango Crossing Bridges recently went on an outing to the local Bowling Alley!



What a fun-filled outing it was!



10 SUPER BOWL FUN FACTS

- 2nd Largest food consumption day of the year...Thanksgiving is #1
- 1.5 million people play hooky on Super Bowl Monday
- 1.25 Billion chicken wings will be consumed
- Domino's Pizza estimates it will deliver 9 million pieces of pizza to hungry viewers
- "The total amount of avocados consumed during the Big Game would be enough to fill an entire football field from end zone to end zone over 46 feet high
- 9 out of 10 watchers are going to be at home; either at their house or someone else's
- The Super Bowl is the most watched TV show in the U.S. and has more than 160 million viewers in 180 countries
- Last year, the average ticket price was sitting at \$3,348.21. This year, the current average ticket price is at \$4,066.98
- People love commercials....companies will pay \$4.5 million for a 30 second commercial
- Nearly 1/3 of U.S. adults are likely to bet on the big game putting some cash on the line. 92% of those surveyed said they've lost money gambling on the Super Bowl in the past!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2016

Who Invented Leap Years?

Roman general Julius Caesar introduced Leap Years in the Roman empire over 2000 years ago. But the Julian calendar had only one rule: any year evenly divisible by 4 would be a leap year. This led to way too many leap years, but didn't get corrected until the introduction of the Gregorian calendar more than 1500 years later.

In the Gregorian calendar three criteria must be taken into account to identify leap years:

- The year can be evenly divided by 4;
- If the year can be evenly divided by 100, it is NOT a leap year, unless;
- The year is also evenly divisible by 400. Then it is a leap year.

This means that in the Gregorian calendar, the years 2000 and 2400 are leap years, while 1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2500 are NOT leap years.

Why Add Leap Years?

Leap Years are needed to keep our modern day Gregorian calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the sun. It takes the Earth approximately 365.242199 days – or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds – to circle once around the Sun. This is called a tropical year.

However, the Gregorian calendar has only 365 days in a year, so if we didn't add a day on February 29 nearly every 4 years, we would lose almost six hours off our calendar every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days! This happened in the Julian calendar, which was in use until the Gregorian was introduced.

LEAP
— 366 DAYS —
YEAR

**LEAP YEAR DAY
SHOULD BE A
HOLIDAY???**



Leap Days 2016 - 2032

2016	Monday
2020	Saturday
2024	Thursday
2028	Tuesday
2032	Sunday



**Below are some photos from Gobbler's Knob.
Two of the Dubois participants attended the
Punxsutawney Phil Festivities.**



Punxsutawney Phil / Groundhog Day fun facts!

The average groundhog is 20 inches long and normally weighs from 12 to 15 pounds. Punxsutawney Phil weighs about 20 pounds and is 22 inches long. Groundhogs are covered with coarse grayish hairs (fur) tipped with brown or sometimes dull red. They have short ears, a short tail, short legs, and are surprisingly quick. Their jaws are exceptionally strong.

A groundhog's diet consists of lots of greens, fruits, and vegetables and very little water. Most of their liquids come from dewy leaves.

A groundhog can whistle when it is alarmed. Groundhogs also whistle in the spring when they begin courting.

Insects do not bother groundhogs and germs pretty much leave them alone. They are resistant to the plagues that periodically wipe out large numbers of wild animals. One reason for this is their cleanliness.

Groundhogs are one of the few animals that really hibernate. Hibernation is not just a deep sleep. It is actually a deep coma, where the body temperature drops to a few degrees above freezing, the heart barely beats, the blood scarcely flows, and breathing nearly stops.

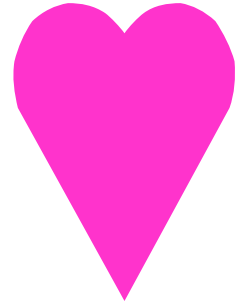
Young Groundhogs are usually born in mid-April or May, and by July they are able to go out on their own. The size of the litter is 4 to 9. A baby groundhog is called a kit or a cub.

A groundhog's life span is normally 6 to 8 years. Phil receives a drink of a magical punch every summer during the Annual Groundhog Picnic, which gives him 7 more years of life.

1. Yes, Punxsutawney Phil is the only true weather forecasting groundhog. The others are just imposters.
2. There has been only one Punxsutawney Phil. Punxsutawney Phil gets his longevity from drinking "groundhog punch" (a secret recipe). One sip, which is administered every summer at the Groundhog Picnic, gives him seven more years of life.
3. On February 2nd, Phil comes out of his burrow on Gobbler's Knob, in front of thousands of faithful followers from all over the world, to predict the weather for the rest of the winter.
4. According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring.
5. No, Punxsutawney Phil's forecasts are not made in advance by the Inner Circle. After Phil emerges from his burrow on February 2nd, he speaks to the Groundhog Club President in Groundhogese. His proclamation is then translated for the world.
6. The celebration of Groundhog Day began with the Germans, Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states "For as the sun shines on Candlemas day, so far will the snow swirl in May...". The settlers found that groundhogs were plentiful and were the most intelligent and sensible animal to carry on the legend of Candlemas Day.
7. Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the 1800's. The first official trek to Gobbler's Knob made on February 2nd, 1887.
8. So the story goes, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Prior to being called Phil, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

New Staff / Transfers in January

Carrie Anthony - HCH instructor - Dubois
Shannon Rearer, Janitorial
Sharleen Estrada, Intern/Substitute - Clarion
Raymond Gerhart, Janitorial
Karen Nason - CHB Instructor - Seneca
Raymond Peterson - Janitorial



Keep your eyes open for notification of the Crossing Bridges, Venango gang doing a candy bar & lollipop fundraiser sometime in February.



Congratulations

Monthly Drawing Winner in January

Brianna Myers (HCH Instructor – DuBois) won the January employee drawing. She received a gift certificate for Railroad Street Tavern in Clearfield.

January 22nd 50/50 Raffle Drawing Winner

ROSE SANNER - \$14.00

Every payday there will be a 50/50 drawing for \$1.00/week. Proceeds raised will go towards a Summer Picnic and Christmas Party for Staff. See Mary Thompson to participate!

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.