

PA CareerLink® Potter County

New Businesses	Businesses Increase / Recall	Businesses Downsized/Lay Off	Closed Businesses
Boarding Kennel in Coudersport	Morgan Continues to take applications	As of last week - UPMC Cole is hold off hiring as they cannot get fingerprinting done and are not doing face to face interviews	Corna Virus Temp. Layoffs
	Carpenter Shoppe having trouble finding qualified workers		
	Tri-Co - hiring Fiber optic Tech in Potter Co.		

**Outreach:**

**ARDagh Glass Inc. Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Inc, International Waxes, Olson-Tenglund Auto Parts, Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Kightlinger Motors Inc. , Port Foods LLC, Coudersport Area School District, Potter County Solid Waste Authority, Coudersport Gold Club, Herbert Cooper Co Inc., Recycall Inc., Zito Media, Catalus Corp.**

**Highlights for this quarter –**

On March 12 - Byron Sutton and Lora Cope presented at the First ever Potter County Small Business/Entrepreneur Workshop, part of Project 2025, an initiative to increase business and population in Potter County. This event was attended by over 30 people with approx. 10 local businesses present ranging from Boarding Kennel, Welding, Hospitality and food industries to Photography. Byron and Lora shared how the CareerLink is there to not only support the job seeker but also the Employer. In addition to the Potter County CareerLink Representatives from Northern PA Regional College, Clarion University Small Business, Visit Potter Tioga, PA Wilds Center and North Central Regional Planning and Development presented. A time for networking and Q&A followed the presentations. Both Byron and Lora were approached by a variety of business owners seeking more information. One business owner shared that the CareerLink provided the most helpful and beneficial information for the small business owner. As a result of this networking opportunity, relationships were build that will offer opportunities for Work Experience and on the Job Training. Future needs of some of our partner organizations were expressed and this will provide for future partnerships to best serve not only local employers but employees.

The Department of Labor & Industry hired two new Bureau of Workforce Partnership Development (BWPO) staff. Lora Cope and Dawn McNeil were hired on March 9, 2020. We welcome them to our team in Potter County.

In March, the PA CareerLink Closed the doors effective March 17, 2020 and will tentatively reopen on March 31, 2020. The PA CareerLink continues to provide services to our customers through telework. Arrangements have been made with the PA CareerLink Navigators to have “trafones” and calls coming into the PA CareerLink are being directed to call our Navigators. In turn, the Navigators are routing calls to all available staff who are working from home. Customers are able to access almost all services.

The PA CareerLink had the site cleaned thoroughly the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in an effort to eliminate any possibility of the COVID-19 virus. All staff have been asked to not enter the building until we officially report back to work.