



# Developing Leaders

March 2008 Session 6

Issue 1



*Tioga County Development Corporation's Leadership Tioga County Class of 2008* attended its sixth session, *The Political Process* on Monday, March 10, 2008. The session was held in Harrisburg at the Capital building. The main theme of this session was the political process in Pennsylvania. The session gave the leadership class an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns with our local representatives.

The day started with an early morning drive from Tioga County to Harrisburg. Upon arrival the *CLP* class gathered in the Capital building and toured the Information Center. The Information Center provided an overview of the political process in Pennsylvania, where some interesting facts and historical information were available for review. The entire class also watched a movie in the Information Center that highlighted the



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history of Pennsylvania politics. After the movie, the class took a tour of the Capital building. The architecture of Pennsylvania's Capital was actually inspired by St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Capital was built in 1906 after the original burned down. The tour guide pointed out works of art, lighting, woodwork, and many other features in the

capital building. After the tour, the group met to have a photo taken on the stairs of the main rotunda, which is shown above.

Next on the schedule was a meeting with Representative Matthew E. Baker of Wellsboro. Representative Baker gave us a tour of his office and the Majority caucus room. He also took the group on the House floor and gave the group a different perspective of the room by explaining the voting process and pointing out seating arrangements - Republicans on the right and Democrats on the left.

Rep. Baker answered questions from the group about the Clean Air Act, Open Records Act, and other issues affecting Tioga County residents during this time. Lunch was served in a conference room adjacent to his office.

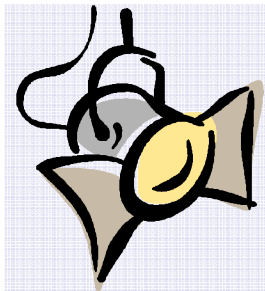
After lunch, the class visited with Senator Roger A. Madigan. Senator Madigan discussed the political process and some issues that are going on within the Pennsylvania Senate. Senator Madigan also discussed transportation issues and Pennsylvania and also





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### CLP CLASS OF 2008

# Spotlight



TCDC's *Community Leadership Program* class of 2008 member Phyllis Marriner is a resident of Blossburg since 1972. She was born in Florida, but also lived in California and Oregon before coming to Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of North Penn High School and Mansfield University.

She has a full household - three girls and a husband - but her oldest daughter is leaving the nest soon. For fun Phyllis likes boating and riding motorcycle with her husband.

Phyllis works for Laurel Health System as the Education Supervisor and Nutrition Coordinator for Bradford-Tioga

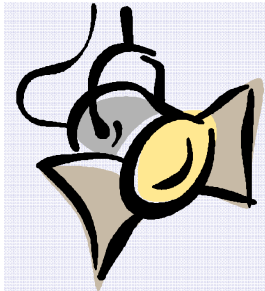
Head Start. This is right up her alley because she started the Covington Day Care Center, which is still up and running today.

When asked why she decided to join the *Community Leadership Program*, Phyllis responded that the program was highly recommended to her by past Alumni and she felt that it would help her gain more leadership skills.

One of her favorite quotes is, "There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots, and the other is wings." - Unknown.

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Brian Tevlin, current *Community Leadership Program* participant, lives in Wellsboro with his wife and three children. He grew up in New Jersey and moved to Wellsboro because he felt that he could provide a better life for his family in Tioga County.

Brian began his career working for a newspaper in New Jersey and continued to work there for two more years after moving to Wellsboro, commuting back and forth on the weekends. He then took a job with the Star Gazette in Elmira as a pressman.

Next, Brian decided to make a career change and began working for First Investors as an Investment Broker where he moved up the ladder and managed the Binghamton office.

After several years of that commute, Brian decided that it was time to find employment a little closer to home. He is now a Senior Financial Consultant with Citizens and Northern Bank.

For fun, he stays busy with church activities, the Masonic Lodge, and coaches baseball. Most of these activities involve his beloved family in one way or another. He is one super busy man, but now minus the commute!



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# YLP CLASS OF 2008 SESSION SIX



The *Tioga County Development Corporation's Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program* Class of 2008 learned about government at all levels and developed an understanding about the difference between Municipal, County, State and Federal government issues on March 11, 2008 while participating in Session 6 *Local, State & Federal Government*.

The Session was sponsored by United States Congressman

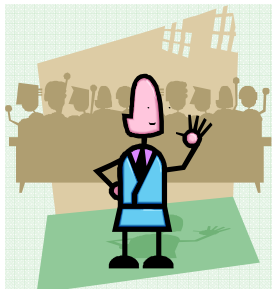
John E. Peterson, Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III, and State Representative Matthew E. Baker. It was held at the Tioga County Court House and the Wellsboro Borough Office in Wellsboro. As part of the Session, the *Youth Leadership Program* class of 2008 Participants attended the Tioga County Commissioners meeting held that same day. During the meeting, members of Team 6 presented a Resolution to the Commissioners.

Pictured from left to right are (back row) Team 6: Caleb Krick, Wellsboro High School; Erik Bolt, Mansfield High School; Layci Watts, Williamson High School; and Kelsey Morgan, Mansfield High School (front row) Tioga County Commissioners: Mark Hamilton, Sue Vogler, and Erick Coolidge.

Session 7 *Quality of Life* is scheduled to be held at the Morris Fire Hall in Morris on April 15, 2008 and the *Youth Leadership* class of 2008 graduation ceremony will be held at 3:00 on April 20, 2008 at the W. M. Tokishi Training Center in Wellsboro.

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# YLP CLASS OF 2008 TEEN SCENE



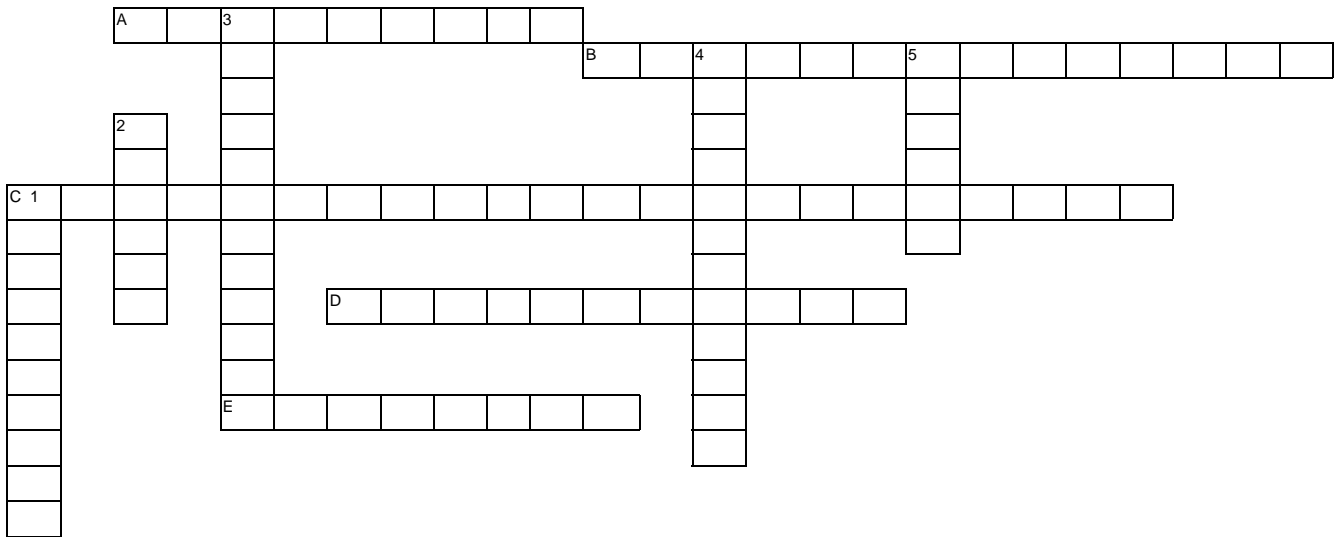
We are pleased to introduce you to current *Youth Leadership Program* participant Sarah Cook this month. Sarah is a Junior at Elkland Area High School. She is the daughter of Brian and Pam Cook. She is actively involved with soccer, chorus, National Honor Society, Outdoors Club, and Student Council. When not at school she enjoys being outdoors.

By being involved with the *Youth Leadership Program* she hopes to obtain better communication skills. Her favorite part of the whole program has been getting to know and becoming friends with other students from the county. It has opened her eyes to the fact that the other participants, no matter what school they attend, are not that much different than she is.

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# JUST FOR FUN



## Clues

- A) Current majority party in the Pennsylvania General Assembly
  - B) Senator for Tioga County and the rest of the Pennsylvania's 25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District
  - C) Lower house of the bicameral Pennsylvania General Assembly, which has 203 members who are elected for two year terms
  - D) Current minority party in the Pennsylvania General Assembly
  - E) The only way a quorum can be established is by this method
- 1) County seat of Dauphin County, named the Pennsylvania state capital in 1812, and known to the Native Americans as "Paxtang".
  - 2) A meeting of members or supporters of a political party.
  - 3) State Representative who represents Tioga and Bradford County
  - 4) The court of last resort for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the first independent court of its kind in the United States
  - 5) Upper house of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, which has 50 members who are elected for four year terms

## Session 4 Puzzle Answers

- A) Lillian
  - B) WARDFLEX
  - C) Mock Trial
  - D) CSST
  - E) Pipe Fittings
- 1) Tioga County Court House
  - 2) LEAN Manufacturing
  - 3) Judge Dalton
  - 4) Business & Economics
  - 5) Public Speaking
  - 6) Teens & The Law
  - 7) Ward Manufacturing

# FINAL THOUGHTS

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth. - Henry Ward Beecher

Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime. - Adlai Stevenson

Where liberty dwells, there is my country. - Benjamin Franklin

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him. - Abraham Lincoln

America is a tune. It must be sung together. - Gerald Stanley Lee, *Crowds*

National honor is national property of the highest value. - James Monroe, first inaugural address, 4 March 1817

When an American says that he loves his country, he means not only that he loves the New England hills, the prairies glistening in the sun, the wide and rising plains, the great mountains, and the sea. He means that he loves an inner air, an inner light in which freedom lives and in which a man can draw the breath of self-respect. - Adlai Stevenson

Star-spangled happiness  
and banner waves of pride.  
- Cherishe Archer

We dare not forget that we are the heirs of that first revolution. - John F. Kennedy

Intellectually I know that America is no better than any other country; emotionally I know she is better than every other country. - Sinclair Lewis