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Celebrating 20 Years at Giant Eagle



Congratulations to Becky Baily and David Olinyk, pictured with Giant Eagle staff and management.

Twenty years ago, Becky Baily and David Olinyk obtained their jobs with Giant Eagle in Altoona through Skills Employment Services program. Giant Eagle management and staff celebrated Baily and Olinyk's achievements by holding a luncheon in their honor at Leena's Café on July 30th with their families. Each received a keepsake clock engraved with their name and 20 Years of Service.

"When Becky and David first started working at Giant Eagle, they would get belittled by some customers," said Jason Grove, a Giant Eagle manager, who works with both Becky and David on a regular basis. "Over the last 20 years, our regular customers have grown fond of both Becky and David. People today are used to seeing workers with special needs."

Olinyk greets everyone who comes through his line with a smile. "I love helping the customers," says Olinyk, who is more than happy to assist customers with finding products or loading their groceries.

Although Baily tends to be shy, she is always eager to help customers with anything they need and communicates well with her coworkers and supervisors.

"David and Becky are like family — and their work is outstanding," says Grove. Over the years Grove feels that David and Becky have adapted to changing times very well. Grove loves working with both Baily and Olinyk and adds, "I hope they'll be here for another 20 years."

**Skills 8th
Annual
Penn State
Tailgate &
Silent Auction**



Join Skills and guest of honor, Ron Coder, on November 13th at Celebration Hall one hour before kick off for the Penn State vs. Ohio State game. Good food, plenty of prizes and great fun for everyone. Bid on Penn State sports memorabilia and many other great items.

Tickets are on sale now for \$25 each (\$30 at the door). Contact Lori Lange at (814) 238-3245 ext. 321 or llange@skillsgroup.org. You can also get information and view silent auction items on line at www.skillscentralpa.org.

Discovery Garden Celebrates a Decade of Blooming!



Leslie Smith and Karen Claton enjoy the afternoon at the garden.



Natalie Smith and Pauline Prough enjoyed making pine cone birdfeeders.



Hollidaysburg Area High School Brass Ensemble

Discovery Garden, a project of the Skills Foundation celebrated its 10th Anniversary on a cool, overcast Sunday, September 12, 2010. Amy Mearkle, WTAJ news anchor, greeted people as they gathered in the Garden to listen to the speakers. Robin Weirich, regional vice-president for Skills of Central PA, Inc. spoke about the importance and benefits of the Horticultural Therapy Program. Tom Ford, Penn State Blair County extension director recalled the first time Karen, Discovery Garden volunteer coordinator, spoke with him and discussed the partnership that has developed. John P. Stultz, Jr., Hollidaysburg Borough

Council president, spoke to the uniqueness of the Garden and how it has become a part of the community. As the sun peeked through the clouds he remembered Courtney Claton for whom the Garden is dedicated.

Then Karen thanked the volunteers who maintain the garden, Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, Blair Garden Club, and Hollidaysburg Borough. She also recognized the members of the steering committee and thanked them for their support, dedication, and hard work. The Hollidaysburg Area High School Brass Ensemble directed by Mr. Scott Sheehan provided classical music through-

out the afternoon. Penn State Master Gardeners answered gardening questions. Children made pinecone birdfeeders and enjoyed the face painting booth. Attendees of all ages enjoyed the photo presentation "Sights of the Seasons in the Discovery Garden" courtesy of Jeff Robison Photography's "Capturing Memories."

"The community has embraced this Garden and used it in many ways we never imagined," says Claton. "It is amazing to see the garden being used as a site for weddings, prom photos, senior portraits and Brownie bridging ceremonies. One young man from Hollidaysburg even based his Eagle Scout project on garden improvements."

Discovery Garden would like to thank all those who contributed to the 10th anniversary celebration including Skills of Central PA, Inc., Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, The Meadows, Sheetz Inc., and Benzel's Pretzels.



Karen Claton recognizes the steering committee members. From left to right: Christa Brenner, Lori Lange, Cyndy Dixon, Karen Claton, Nancy Fogel, Donna Parker, and Leslie Smith (not pictured: Kylene Merrick and Linda Renney).

We look forward to celebrating future milestones with the community as the Garden continues to grow.



Thanks to everyone making financial contributions to the Garden

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Beaver, Mrs. Merry Beverlin, Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Binney, Blair Garden Club, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Brennan, Ms. Christa Brenner, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brown, Mary Ellen Burke, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel P. Casado, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Christian, Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Claton, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Claton, Mr. & Mrs. Morley Cohn, Coldwell Banker/Town & Country Real Estate, Ms. Gail Corle, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cyman, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Davies, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Delozier, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Detwiler, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Devorris, Nancy Fogel, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Frank, Catherine Grossman, Mrs. Janet Gwizdak, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hanna, Mrs. Marilyn Hartt, Headlines Hair Studio, Dr. & Mrs. Leroy Helmer, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Hite, Mrs. Barbara Hornung, Mr. & Mrs. William Hornung, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Irwin, Mr. & Mrs. John Kazmaier, Keller Engineers, Ms. Marie Kelly, Dr. & Mrs. Alan Kivitz, Mary Lamadue, The Loth Family, Mr. & Mrs. Michael McLanahan, Diane Meling, Mr. John Miller, Dr. & Mrs. David Montrella, Mr. & Mrs. James Moran, Mrs. Charlotte Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Nelson, Dr. & Mrs. Carroll Osgood, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. Josh Port, Mr. & Mrs. Neil Port, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Port, Mrs. Eileen Porta, Mr. John Reffner, Mr. & Mrs. James Renney, Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Ries, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rockwell, Mr. & Mrs. William Rossman, James Rutch, Esq., Dr. & Mrs. David Schatanoff, Mr. & Mrs. Don Schwartz, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Seltzer, Dr. & Mrs. Brinton Shafer, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Shaffer, Sheetz, Inc, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Sheetz, Mr. & Mrs. Phil Sky, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Stapelfeld, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Steinbrunner, Carol B. Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stevens, Mrs. Josie Stitt, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Strueber, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Swope, Mr. & Mrs. Marion Taulbee, Mr. & Mrs. James VanBuren, Ward Trucking Corp., Mrs. Carolyn Ward, Warnaco Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Henry Weinberg, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Wertz, and Ms. Elsie Williams.



For the 10th Anniversary the Evergreen Garden was expanded and an accessible brick pathway was placed through it.

2010 Calendar Winners

From July 1, 2010 until September 30, 2010

7/1 #288 Not Sold	8/1 #513 Not Sold	9/8 #419 Not Sold
7/2 #956 Alexa Krepps \$50	8/2 #866 Donna Heck \$75	9/9 #550 Not Sold
7/4 #501 Lou Powell \$100	8/3 #755 Not Sold	9/12 #275 Not Sold
7/6 #041 Not Sold	8/7 #539 Not Sold	9/16 #288 Not Sold
7/8 #406 Steve Loy \$50	8/10 #782 Not Sold	9/17 #966 Erie Raydo \$50
7/12 #795 Not Sold	8/15 #006 Not Sold	9/18 #903 Not Sold
7/14 #247 Not Sold	8/16 #656 Not Sold	9/21 #672 Not Sold
7/17 #957 Annabelle Krepps \$25	8/19 #862 Cheryl Redline \$75	9/23 #241 Christina Adam-Nicholson \$75
7/18 #486 Ed Owens \$25	8/20 #236 Jeff Peachman \$50	9/25 #866 Donna Heck \$50
7/19 #039 Not Sold	8/25 #558 Tracy Hazlett \$25	9/27 #976 Marilyn Krug \$50
7/23 #557 Tammy Mock \$25	8/26 #347 Not Sold	9/28 #817 Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe \$50
7/25 #787 Not Sold	8/29 #659 Not Sold	9/30 #533 Not Sold
7/29 #964 Kelly Stephens \$25	9/6 #574 Not Sold	



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Don Gaetano, vice-president of operations (The Hartman Agency), presents the checks to David M. (Mike) Rice, Ph.D., president/CEO (Skills).

The Hartman Agency Inc. donated \$500 to The Skills Foundation with a matching grant from 2010 Selective Group Foundation Matching Grant Program for President's Club Agents.



Ronald Bailey, Chairman of the Board, receives a commemorative plaque for Skills 50th Anniversary from Wessel & Company's, Stephanie Stohon, CPA.

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 - ◆ Blair County United Way
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