

NEWS

Business News: Cerio named Safety Professional of the Year

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Patty Cerio, supervisor of safety services at **Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES**, has been named the 2019-2020 Safety Professional of the Year by the central New York chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP).

The award is presented annually to an ASSP member who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the occupational safety and health (OSH) field while also advancing the OSH profession overall. Cerio was selected as the recipient of this year's award by a committee of previous Safety Professional of the Year honorees based on her expertise, industry and ASSP involvement, previous awards, leadership and endorsements.

At OHM BOCES, Cerio provides coordination and implementation of a health, wellness and safety program for 21 school districts and BOCES in Oneida and Madison counties.

IN OTHER BUSINESS NEWS:

- **ICAN's** Independent Practice Association (IPA) is hosting a job fair from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 22, at ICAN's new office at 100 South Main St., Herkimer. The IPA is an opportunity for those interested in extra income, flexibility, personal growth and in creating a better community by working with children, adults and families through mentoring, behavior management, peer support, clinical services and more. ICAN staff and a number of contracted agencies will be on-site to discuss the network and opportunities. Potential candidates can learn more at www.ican.family/events.
- The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) recently awarded **Mohawk Valley Society for Human Resource Management (MVSHRM)** its Excel Gold Award for the chapter's accomplishments in 2020. The award is given to SHRM state councils and chapters to recognize major accomplishments, strategic activities, and tactical initiatives that elevate the Human Resources (HR) profession. MVSHRM earned the Excel Gold Level by

achieving accomplishments in membership retention and growth, serving HR professionals with educational programs and credit hours, and advancing the HR profession.

- **Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy Inc.** in New Hartford has announced an expansion of its professional team with **Sara Gianni** joining as a strategic client manager and **Kyle Cairns** joining as a client advocate. Gianni joins the firm's Employee Benefits division. She will work with employers across New York to establish and maintain benefits programs that help keep them competitive in their marketplace, attractive to employees, and in control of their benefits expenses. She brings over a decade of experience. Prior to joining the GKG team, Gianni held dynamic industry positions in the Rochester marketplace. Cairns joins the firm's Commercial Lines division. He brings experience in both workers' compensation and account management. He is a graduate of Utica College with an MS in health care administration.

- **Stephanie R. DiGiorgio** has been admitted to the New York State Bar and has joined the **Law Office of Peter J. DiGiorgio**, 2103 Genesee St., Utica. She will engage in the general private practice of law with an emphasis on matrimonial and family law and appellate work.

- **Primary Urgent Care** recently became a member of the Urgent Care Association (UCA) – a membership association for urgent care health and management professionals, clinics and those who support the urgent care industry. Primary Urgent Care is located at 1904 Genesee St. in Utica and at 130 West Albany St. in Herkimer. Patients in need of immediate, quality care for non-life threatening illnesses or injuries may visit the center from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily. No appointment is necessary. For information, go to primaryurgentcare.com.