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# The Chamber View



Vincent J. Matteo, President/CEO

Another new year. It is difficult to know what 2017 will bring for our community, nation and the world. Certainly 2016 was full of surprises, challenges and opportunities. I hope your year ended on a positive note.

As is often the case with my first column of the year, it may contain several topics. First, because of all the Holidays, the Chamber Connection was due to the Sun-Gazette for printing a week earlier than normal so I may have some “old news” in this edition.

As the year came to an end, property taxes for the City and a few other communities rose and the Lycoming County Commissioners came close to doing the same but, thankfully, did not. Property tax increases are becoming an annual event that we must get under control. Those on fixed incomes are hit particularly hard as are the working middle class homeowner. And, while I believe most of our local elected officials are sincere in their desire to keep taxes as low as possible, more needs to be done. Cutting costs needs to be part of the solution; simply raising revenues cannot be all that is done. While I generally believe small increment increases is better than waiting ten years and then hit taxpayers with a large increase, annual increases

are truly taking a toll. I am particularly concerned about Williamsport since they are already the highest taxed community not only at the municipal level but the school district as well. I believe we are coming to a tipping point in the city. If a solution is not found at the city and school district level, the middle and upper middle class will flee the city in larger and larger numbers and the impact will be devastating.

As we move through 2017, it is more important than ever that we all attempt to work together to solve our issues and find new opportunities to move our community forward. Unfortunately, some choose to be negative and work to advance their own agenda at the expense of the community. The national scene does not have a monopoly on ‘demagogues’ who believe shouting the loudest makes you right or who will say anything without regard to the facts. We saw this during budget negotiations at all levels of government. It really needs to stop. It is damaging and it serves no purpose. Personal agendas need to be put aside.

And local taxes are not the only problem. On January 1, 2017 our state gasoline tax rose by another 8 cents per gallon. This is the last of the incremental increases that were a result of the passage of Act 89 a few years ago. Now, we at the Chamber, like most, if not all chambers across Pennsylvania supported

Act 89 because we were told the money raised by the tax would go to highways and roads. While there has been an increase in spending for these needs, the fact is that too much of the money is being siphoned off to pay an increasingly large share of the costs of our State Police. Now, as I have said before, I strongly support our State Police and believe they do a fantastic job. This is not about paying for the State Police; it’s about how we pay for the state police. The money should not be coming from the state gasoline tax. The more money we divert from our roads and highways, the more they deteriorate. This is a safety issue as well as an economic development issue. Good infrastructure is critical to job creation. I am told this will be a big discussion item for the State Legislature this year.

2017 should be an interesting year for everyone. With a new President taking office the nation will chart a new and much different course than in recent years. While you can never anticipate events, it is certainly possible that we will see the end of many of the Obama Administration’s programs. We will also be spared any major election drama since there will be no Presidential or Governor’s race and I am good with that. I can definitely use a year off from all the mud and dirt flying around the airwaves. I have said it before and I will say it again, the negative campaigning,

on those things that need improvement, enjoy all the good we have.

The Chamber and its affiliates, the Industrial Properties Corporation and the Economic and Community Growth Corporation as well as its Visitors Bureau and Leadership Lycoming Operating Committees have solid plans and budgets in place for next year. With some new initiatives we will continue to work to improve the local business climate and maintain the strong quality of life we enjoy. With others we will continue to provide quality service to our members and the community. I am excited about the year ahead.

We are appreciative of the support we receive from our volunteers. Their efforts are what makes this organization successful and while I am extremely proud of my staff, they know without our volunteers, we could not accomplish all we do. I want to take this moment to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year. And that’s the Chamber View.

As 2017 dawns, we should reflect upon all the good we have here in Lycoming County. Sure there are many things we need to work on, but we also must not forget all we have that is positive and good. I have said it many times and will say it again now – Lycoming County is a great place to live, work and play. I sometimes get tired of hearing the detractors complain about every little thing that is not quite right here. Let’s accentuate the positive and, while recognizing and working

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# 9th Annual Denim & Diamonds



**February 4, 2017**  
**Holiday Inn Downtown**  
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## Reservations and Sponsorships Now Available!

Enjoy an evening with your Chamber friends, multiple food stations and a variety of awesome desserts to satisfy all dessert connoisseurs. Back again this year; Daddy-O and the Sax Maniax. Watch your mailing for more information.

Call the Chamber at 570-326-1971 for more information or visit [www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org) to register online.

## Lycoming County Visitors Bureau 2017 Travel & Tourism Grant Applications Due this Month

The Lycoming County Visitors Bureau grant applications are still available and are due to the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau by 4:00pm on January 16, 2017.

Funding is to assist with non-profit organizations in their travel and tourism related activities and is to be used for underwriting the expense of promotional and publicity initiatives by those assets for the purpose of increasing tourism within Lycoming County.

Awards are granted on a competitive basis. Grant funding is limited to non-profit organizations and preference will be given to the assets that demonstrate the ability to attract patrons from outside Lycoming County.

Organizations meeting

the criteria for the grant are strongly encouraged to apply for this funding. Applications and guidelines may be obtained by going to the Visitors Bureau website, [www.vacationpa.com](http://www.vacationpa.com), or the Chamber's website, [www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org). They can also be obtained by calling the Chamber at 570-326-1971.

Those organizations that have questions or need assistance in completing the application can contact Jason Fink with the Visitors Bureau at 570-326-1971.

Since 2000, the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau has granted out through this program over \$1.2 million to 50 non-profit organizations conducting travel and tourism related events and activities here in Lycoming County.

**The Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce  
Education Committee  
Invites you to our Sixteenth Annual**



## Education Celebration

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

**Registration: 5:30 p.m.**  
**Program: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Williamsport Country Club**  
**800 Country Club Drive**  
**Williamsport**

**Reservations Required**  
To register, visit [www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org)  
or call the Chamber at 570-326-1971

### Featured Awards

**Outstanding Educator**

**Outstanding Senior of the Year**

**Business Partner in Education**

**Alumni of the Year**

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## Science Festival Thursday, February 16, 2017

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## Revolving Loan Fund

The Industrial Properties Corporation, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce and the City of Williamsport are committed to assisting small businesses with their economic development projects. From building renovations, expansion/working capital to equipment purchases, the Revolving Loan Program can provide the finances you need to increase business and ensure economic prosperity. For more information or application, contact Nancy Eischeid at the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce at 570-326-1971.

## Chamber Members, Join Us...

### Lycoming County SPCA PM Exchange

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

5:00-7:00pm

2805 Reach Road, Williamsport



Since June 13, 1892, the Lycoming County SPCA has been "Connecting friends for over 125 years." At the first PM Exchange of 2017 the SPCA will showcase its rich history of caring for the animals in our community.

### Comfort Inn PM Exchange

Thursday, January 19, 2017

5:00-7:00pm

1959 East Third Street, Williamsport



The Comfort Inn would like to invite you to our PM Exchange. While here, you will experience the premier hotel in the Williamsport area. Come and enjoy complimentary cocktails and snacks as well as a tour of our beautiful facility. We look forward to hosting you and your guests and thank you for choosing Comfort Inn for your accommodation needs.

### White Deer Golf Course PM Exchange

Thursday, February 9, 2017

5:00-7:00pm

352 Allenwood Camp Lane, Montgomery



You are invited to an evening of good food, drinks, friends and fun at White Deer Golf Course. While here, learn about our Corporate Membership offering, as well as how you can host a successful golf outing to raise funds for your non-profit organization. Golf outings can generate extra money for your cause, meanwhile spending the day on a beautiful golf course.

Call the Chamber of Commerce today at (570) 326-1971 or visit [www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org) to make your reservations.

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For a complete list of upcoming Chamber events, visit [www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org)



# December Ribbon Cuttings/Open Houses/PM Exchanges

## Stacee Harer State Farm Agency Holds Open House



*Congratulations to Stacee Harer and her staff on the ribbon cutting and open house for her location at 1965 Lycoming Creek Road in Williamsport. Cutting the ribbon is (L-R) Karen Metz, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Melissa Proseus, State Farm; Calvin Phillips, State Farm; and Wendy Hanley, State Farm; Vince Matteo, President/CEO Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; and Rick Metz, Keystone Mobile Shredding.*

## Beckoning Cat Project's Grand Opening



*Congratulations to Beckoning Cat Project for their Grand Opening recently. Cutting the ribbon on their location at 1417 East Third Street in Williamsport, is (L-R) Kerry Perry, Executive Director of Beckoning Cat Project; Megan Casper, Vet Assistant and Manager of Store Next Door; Amber Mace, Vet Assistant and Manager of Store Next Door.*

## Excellence Award Presented at Chamber Board Meeting



*Congratulations to STEP, Inc. for winning the Continuing Excellence Award for health and wellness in the workplace for the second year in a row. Presenting the award is (c), George Johnson, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and Vince Matteo, President/CEO, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce to Rachelle Abbot and Abbey Eschbach.*



# LEGACY MEMBER

## Dr. Beatty keeps patients smiling for 40 years

By MEGAN E. BLOOM  
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**J**ERSEY SHORE— Since 1978 Dr. Richard A. Beatty has been making his patients smile wider due to his quality dentistry.

He began working at the Jersey Shore Hospital doing wisdom teeth extractions then opened his own

private practice in 1988, 259 Allegheny St.

He has seven employees that include dental hygienists and assistants as well as a receptionist and office manager.

Beatty does general dentistry, crowns, bridges, implants, veneers, root canals and TMJ treatment.

With the help of his employees, they are able to take care of their patients' mouths to the best of their ability.

Many of his patients have been with him since he opened his practice. He has seen multiple generations of families come through his door, Beatty said.

"I like the patients I have," he said. "I'm here to take care of them, that's been my attitude."

He enjoys helping them have a nice smile and get them out of pain if they are in it, he said. People who have a dental emergency will come to him such as a broken or abscessed tooth.

Elaine Harrow, of Jersey Shore, has been a patient of Beatty's since 1979. When she needed him for a dental emergency, she was pleased with his work.

"He took me right in and fixed me up," Harrow said.

Him being an excellent dentist through his quality work as well as the nice people who accompany him is what has kept her and her husband going there for over 30 years, she said.

Beth Farr, a dental hygienist, and Jame Reidell, a dental assistant, said they enjoy working for Beatty.

"He is calm and compassionate with patients," Farr said.



MEGAN BLOOM/Sun-Gazette

**Jame Reidell, a dental assistant, is preparing to help Beatty perform an implant procedure. Her and Beth Farr, a dental hygienist, work together to make their patients feel comfortable while they're in the office.**

Beatty gives the hygienists ample time to clean their patients' teeth and chat to help them feel relaxed. By socializing with them, they are able to create good relationships, she said.

By creating positive relationships they all can feel like they are part of a family, Reidell said.

"I like helping them change the way they look at teeth," she said.

It is like a mini makeover when they get work done, she said.

The office is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is also open the first Friday of each month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information call 570-398-4266.



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**Left, Elaine Harrow, of Jersey Shore, has been going to, right, Dr. Richard A. Beatty for her general dentistry since 1979. Besides general dental work, he does crowns, bridges, implants, veneers, root canals and TMJ treatment at his 259 Allegheny St. office.**



# Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Hosts Holiday PM Exchange

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There was definitely a holiday vibe at the Visitor Center, the Chamber of Commerce and from all of the attendees at the Chamber's Holiday PM Exchange in December. Santa even visited to make sure that everyone was on the nice list.

Thank you to our following members for some wonderful food; Acme BBQ & Catering; Vinnie's Italian Eatery, Long Island Pizza, Sprinkled Sweet Bakery, Chef Hosch and Ann Catering, Stonehouse and Brickyard Restaurant, and Julie's Coffee.

A special thank you to Lycoming College for hosting a tasting station for their coffee, Little League International and WBRE for donating door prizes and Pennsylvania College of Technology for donating the awesome poinsettias.

Thank you to all the Chamber members who attended and made this a great PM Exchange.





# FEATURE MEMBER

## Spherion helps clients find local jobs

By MEGAN E. BLOOM  
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Finding a job can be a strenuous process with scouring websites and newspaper columns while hiring the right person can be just as time consuming filing through dozens resumes.

Spherion Staffing works to get people into the right job for them and helps companies select the best candidate for them.

The four employees at the Williamsport branch, 459 River Ave., strive to connect each person with a job that is best for them and a company with the best person for the job.

It places people from entry-level positions up to the corporate level in a broad range of fields such as finance, factory work and engineering, Amanda Wright, regional business development and operations manager, said.

The full service staffing agency is a national company that has local franchises across the country. At the Williamsport location, it serves people from Snyder County up to the New York border and out to Clinton County, she said.

"We want to find a job to help you better your life," Wright said.

There is a database of individuals with their resume and qualifications so when an employer is looking for a specific type of person, a Spherion staff member can look through the list and recommend someone, she said.

Each person in the database the staffing specialists have interviewed and have an understanding of the person's career goals and personality. They strive to be supportive of each client, she said.

If a company calls Spherion looking for a front desk manager, they can look into a folder of people with the experience and find who would fit best into that position.

Some of the aspects they look at to fit people into the right job for them are the company's culture, the experience level needed to complete the job, industry fit and company size. Each person is unique so by analyzing those facets they can find an ideal match, Wright said.

They do not try to mold somebody into someone they are not, she said. If they are shy, they would not connect them to work at a call center.

"We present the person to our customer and vouch for them through networking," she said. "We do our



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**Spherion Staffing, 459 River Ave., works to help find local jobs for people and assist companies in filling vacant positions with the most qualified people for the job. Shown, left, Shane Gerow, of Tioga County, is being interviewed by Meagan Hensler, staffing specialist, to help him find a job that is the right fit for him.**

best to make the best recommendation."

For example, Shane Gerow, of Tioga County, came to the office to look for work as a mechanic. He had been working for the gas industry as a technician for years but now that the industry has left the area, he is out of work.

By interviewing him, learning about his story and goals, staffing specialist Meagan Hensler can connect him with a new job that he will hopefully enjoy.

"We want to find them a job they can make into a career," Hensler said.

Being a local franchise, the employees live in the community so they are able to understand its needs and the industries here, Wright said.

As members of the community, the company sees it as a necessity to give back to the area. This year the Williamsport branch donated \$1,500 to Family

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# FEATURE MEMBER

## Spherion helps clients find local jobs

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Promise of Lycoming County.

She said Family Promise was chosen because they want to support the organization's job coaching efforts.

In the new year, the company plans to continue to grow and help people find the ideal job for them.



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The Williamsport branch is small but has helped over a thousand people find jobs. The staffing specialists work to find the best match after interviewing each person who seeks their services. The specialists look at their experience level, what type of environment they want to be in, their career goals and where their personality would fit in well. Shown, left, Melissa Walter, staffing specialist; center, Amanda Wright, regional business development and operations manager; right, Hensler.



MEGAN BLOOM/Sun-Gazette

Spherion Staffing agency is a national company that has been helping people find jobs and companies to put the right person to work for them for 70 years. As a local franchise, the employees understand the community so they strive to make it a better place and keep people working and companies running smoothly.

"We hope to help people get back on their feet," Wright said.

Her and the staffing specialists enjoy hearing that a job helped change a person's life for the better.

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# Leadership Lycoming and Local & State Government

The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2017 started their day with a welcome from City Council members Randy Allison, Bonnie Katz and Skip Smith. The class learned how the council operates and their current struggles. They provided insight into city government and the challenges they face. Robin Van Auken, Writer and Educator at Lycoming College, spoke to the class on public speaking. The class then headed on to observe a Lycoming County Commissioners Board meeting learning about fiscal issues and hot button items. After a lunch and a discussion with Representative Everett and Wheeland, Commissioner Tony Mussare and Chamber President/CEO Vince Matteo about local issues, the group was given a tour of the 9-1-1 Call Center and the Department of Public Safety. Rounding out the day, Charley Hall from Representative Everett's office, helped the class understand campaign concepts on running for office. Thank you to our program day sponsor Representative Garth Everett, our program day speakers and the James V. Brown Library for the use of the Lowry Room.

Thank you to Michele Boyles, Computer Science Resources, Matt Houseknecht, River Valley Health & Dental Center, and Austin White, McCormick Law Firm for taking these photos as class reporters.

*Thank you to our program day sponsor,  
Representative Garth Everett!*



*Thank you City Council members, Randy Allison, Bonnie Katz, and Skip Smith for their warm welcome and great discussion about the City of Williamsport and City Council.*



*The Class of 2017 had the opportunity to observe and listen to a Lycoming County Commissioners Board meeting. Thank you to Commissioners Rick Mirabito, Jack McKernan and Tony Mussare for your great information on the county.*



*Robin Van Auken, author & Lycoming College educator, provided a humorous hour on public speaking. Thank you Robin!*



*It was great to have the opportunity to tour the 9-1-1 Call Center and the Department of Public Safety. We learned survival tips to use in emergencies and to see the process of emergency calls and the technology used to handle them.*



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# Member Renewals

Received between November 23rd and December 15th

Thank you to our renewing members. We do appreciate your membership and involvement in the Chamber!

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Williamsport Symphony Orchestra  
Woodlands Bank  
Young Industries Inc.  
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# SMALL BUSINESS

## Muncy Industries churns out useful products

By **MIKE REUTHER**  
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At Muncy Industries, time-tested products put to good use are being turned out every day.

And all the work is done out of a small machine shop just outside Turbotville.

"We call it heavy lifting hardware," said James Fetter, company president.

The machine shop at the company's

headquarters at 5820 Susquehanna Trail buzzes with activity, with workers engaged in drilling and milling and cutting to make aluminum and steel fittings for bridges, structures, and wire rope assemblies.

"We build things," Fetter said. "We contribute. We don't consume."

Fetter proudly reveals some of the fittings and pieces his machine shop has produced for projects over the years, including Madison Square Garden and the Brooklyn Bridge in New York and London Olympic Stadium and the Denver International Airport.

He pointed to a map of the world, revealing worldwide markets for his company's products.

"We are global," he said.

The family owned business, which includes Fetter's wife, Ophelia, and sons, Justin and Jason, who works out of the Houston office, operates two shifts.

The Turbotville location's warehouse houses up to 240 tons of steel, according to Justin.

"Most of it is U.S. made," he said.

The company's jobs are both big and small.

"We are making something special for someone in a hurry," his father said. "We are making something standard."

Despite some of the interesting projects that the company has been involved with, Muncy Industries, for the most part has flown under most people's radar screens.

"Mostly, we have a low profile," Fetter said. "Nobody knows what we



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**Steve Delany, a employee of Muncy Industries, does some grinding in the company's machine shop.**

do."

Fetter's grandfather, Charles Kanz, got it all started when he launched Muncy Machine and Tool in 1949.

Upson-Walton Co., Cleveland and Newco Manufacturing, Kansas City, Mo., were founded later.

According to the company website, the companies started close to wire rope mills with each company focusing on products that included wire rope terminations, swage sockets, spelter sockets, button ferrules, flemish eye sleeves, and aluminum turnbacks.

Through the years, product offerings include dynamometers, wedge buttons, sheaves, solid wire rope thimbles, roll-off hooks, and stainless duplex sleeves.

"We found Muncy Industries which is our distribution company for our producing companies," Fetter said.

Forty employees, most of them

engaged in actual manufacturing, are employed at the Turbotville site, along with three engineers who busy themselves with design work of the products.

Ophelia said the employees are hardworking and loyal.

Fetter said he's hired plenty of local people, including those with agricultural backgrounds, from the surrounding rural area.

"You don't have to teach them how to work," he said.

Most recently, he said business has been what he termed as "flat" for his business, mostly due to the economy. He also blamed oppressive government regulations and burdensome taxes, including the state's 9.9 percent corporate net income tax.

"We keep adding product lines," he quickly added.



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**James Fetter, president of Muncy Industries, and his wife Ophelia Fetter, in the office of the company located at 5820 Susquehanna Trail, Muncy. The company manufactures products that include aluminum and steel fittings for bridges, structures and wire rope assemblies.**



# NEW MEMBER

## Historical Society showcases Jersey Shore's past

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**T**he Jersey Shore Historical Society is a treasure trove of its community's rich past with archives and pictures and pieces from other eras flooding the rooms of the former home at 200 S. Main St.

"A lot of people are really good about donating things," said Tina Cooney, historical society community outreach coordinator. "People find stuff from their families."

Cooney and her mother, Olive Cooney, are happy that so many historical pieces have found their home there.

"I think this is just fantastic," Olive said.

It was Olive who helped start the organization back in 1963.

Since that time, it has grown to some 200 members.

"It's nice to have this," said Tina. "The public has

been very helpful in cooperating in the telling the history of the town."

A tour of the three-story house, originally the home of Samuel Moss, a merchant, postmaster and stagecoach driver in the mid 1800s, yields plenty of history.

Some parts of the house are given over to certain themes, including a railroad room, which its rich offerings of equipment, tools, and other assorted train transportation items.

"We had the New York Central Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad (in Jersey Shore)," Tina said.

She referred to a picture of the Avis trainyard, which once served as a transportation hub. Avis was also the home to a cut glass factory and some of the artifacts from that business are stored in the museum.

Log books from a canal system that operated in Jersey Shore are on display as well.

"We have a lot of World War I artifacts," said Tina.

She showed off an old helmet worn by infantrymen of that time and also pointed to a quilt with stitchings of each and every name of Jersey Shore men who served in that war, including the fallen soldiers.

Among other interesting pieces are a projector from Jersey Shore's old Victoria Theater on Allegheny Street and an Edison Player phonograph from 1877 which was owned by Charles and Clara Marks of McElhattan. There is even a working telegraph.

"This is one of the oldest pieces in the house," Tina said, pointing at an Alfred Benedict Fall Case Clock from 1798.

Tina said she especially likes to show off the crude surgical instruments used by Dr. James Davidson during the Revolutionary War. A portrait of Davidson hangs in the museum. He is buried in Pine Creek Cemetery.



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**Uniforms of the armed services worn by servicemen through the years can be found at the Jersey Shore Historical Society. The historical society is housed in the former Samuel Moss home.**

Another room is given over to vintage clothing, which includes everything from bowling shirts to high school band uniforms.

Watercolors by Vi McClain, a local Twentieth Century artist, of covered bridges, barns, and other buildings of the area, hang from a wall.

Olive said when she and other townspeople first started the historical society more than 50 years ago, they had no place to store the period pieces they began accumulating.

The first real home for the organization was at the old Broad Street School in the early 1970s. Soon after, the present home was purchased.

She credited Jim and Betty Allen along with president emeritus Wayne Welshans with doing much for the organization.

The Allens take care of the museum, Tina noted.

The borough of Jersey Shore, she added, has also been supportive of the historical society's efforts.

Tina said more plans for showcasing the community's history could include the creation of a walk/bicycle path that follows the route of the old canal.

"Jersey Shore has a very rich history," Olive said.



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**Tina Cooney shows off the more than 200-year-old Alfred Benedict Fall Case Clock at the Jersey Shore Historical Society. The clock is among numerous historical pieces to be found at the museum.**



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Luke Tilley  
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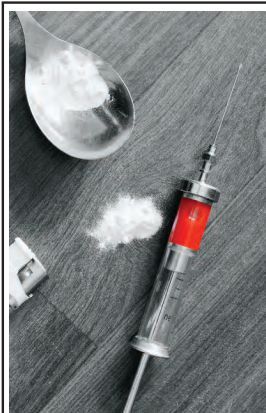
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