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The Chamber View



Well, in my last column I mentioned how I had not had to mow my lawn the entire month of April. Well, the month of May sure changed that. It seems every other day I was mowing either the front or the back. My wife told me if I did not mow the back soon, we might lose one of the grandchildren. Anyway, the weather has been warmer if not much drier. I also hope you had a great Memorial Day Weekend and took some time to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Last month I wrote about the problem we are facing with rising taxes throughout Lycoming County and how it is impacting our municipal/ township taxes as well as our school and county taxes. The property taxes in many communities, but especially Williamsport, is becoming a major problem.

Since that column, the front page of the Sun-Gazette **A CHAMBER** connection has had numerous articles about school districts throughout Lycoming County raising taxes and, in some cases, even after some tough decisions were made to cut teachers or funding for programs. My point is, it hasn't gotten any better and it will not unless even more tough decisions are made and good, solid planning takes place. But, let's look at the local government side of the equation with a particular emphasis on Williamsport

Vincent J. Matteo, President/CEO

since it is in Williamsport that voters will be faced with voting on whether or not they should change the form of government they live under in the upcoming November election.

Recently, the Sun-Gazette reported that the Williamsport Charter Commission had come to a consensus to recommend to voters that they change the form of government to Council-Manager from its current Strong Mayor - Council form. And, in an earlier paper, it was reported that the other group studying our form of government - the Williamsport Study Commission on Home Rule, will be making a recommendation that we change to a Home Rule form of government. First, having both these questions on the ballot at the same time is not in the best interests of the citizens of Williamsport. I am told it is probably not even legal. And, can anyone tell me what happens if they both pass? Talk about confusion and bad government. It seems obvious if that were to happen, we might see a drawn out fight in the courts. Something our community does not need.

Neither I, nor more importantly, the Chamber has a recommendation to the voters yet. I am still maintaining an open mind and will wait until the final reports are issued by both groups before I make a final recommendation to the Chamber Board of Directors who will have the final say on whether or not the Chamber takes a position and, if they do, what that will be. My guess is they will play the role of "educator" and try to pass on the best information available to our members who live and/

or work in the city. I will say, in both cases, in my opinion, they have a high hill to climb to prove we would be better served with changing our form of government. But, again, we should all wait until we hear the reports and see what they say and what logic their recommendation is based upon. Once that is done, the Chamber will either support one of them, oppose both of them, or simply work to educate the voters on both recommendations so they can make their decision based upon fact, not emotion. Changing the form of government should not be done because you do not like the current office holder or because you do not think you can elect people who think like you. It should be based upon fact and logic and what is truly in the best interests of the taxpaying citizens and businesses of Williamsport.

A related topic I want to discuss this week is the negative impact all the local news can potentially have on development activities. The push and pull of what form of government we should have is not the best thing to have in the forefront of the local news since it is based upon what some feel is the failure of our current form, but it is far from the worse. What is much worse is the fighting going on between the different factions on the Water and Sewer Authority and the fight to control it coupled with the Mayor's fight for the City to recoup some of its investment in infrastructure paid for by the City but used by the Authority. Both these issues are tied together - make no mistake about that. I don't know who is right or wrong in this battle,

but I do know that regardless of how it comes out, it will cost the taxpayers more money. You can call it a tax or a fee, it can be charged directly by the Authority or indirectly by the City of Williamsport, but the fact remains it will be paid by you and me. And, the charges and countercharges going back and forth are bad for the community.

Perhaps even worse is the way City Council recently treated developers in our community. The recent debacle and what I see as mistreatment of two local developers by members of City Council is bad and, quite frankly, dangerous. I once sat in a meeting with a member of City Council who actually said "Williamsport doesn't trust developers" to a developer's face. While that Councilman has since lost his re-election bid, it is becoming more apparent that maybe he was not alone in his sentiments. And, we are not talking about "out of town" developers.

We are talking about developers who have done a great deal for this city and invested a tremendous amount of resources. I was not at the Council meeting, but if you read the reports in the Sun-Gazette and talk to people who were there, it was not a good day for the city. If you do not think this type of public display hurts the potential for more development in Williamsport, you are mistaken. Developers and companies looking to move here read the local papers and judge how welcomed they think they will be. There is no problem with asking tough questions and wanting good answers, but what apparently took place at City Council is a shame. All developers, especially local developers who have invested a good deal of money in this community already, deserve better. And that's the Chamber View.

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Montoursville Chamber of Commerce and the Jersey Shore Area Chamber. Headquartered in Williamsport, Lycoming County, in northcentral Pennsylvania, the Chamber was founded in 1885 and has a tradition of serving the city and county. Located in the Home of Little League Baseball and the Little League World Series, the Chamber is a recognized leader in business advocacy throughout Pennsylvania.

About the Position

The President/CEO is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce and its affiliated organizations. The President is responsible for the day-today operations of the organization and its affiliates. The President is responsible for strategic growth both programmatically and financially; represents the organization with both private and public organizations and the media. The President reports directly to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

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Vince Matteo President/CEO Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce 102 West Fourth Street Williamsport, PA 17701

President Transition Timeline (tentative)

June: applications preferred by June 15th (but will be accepted until suitable candidate is found) July: phone interviews August-September: in-person interviews October: 2nd final round interviews and selection made by 10/20/2018 December: 12/1/2018 new President comes aboard. Vince assists during transition period.

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Williamsport Country Club 800 Country Club Drive, Williamsport Registration -7:30 am Program begins at 8:00 am Reservations are required by June 11, 2018 570-326-1971 or www.williamsport.org \$20 per person

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We are a Celebration Venue. We have a beautiful barn able to host 225 people, as well as 65 acres of outdoor settings. Perfect for Weddings, Reunions and other gatherings. Come out and see what we have to offer and enjoy the evening while networking with fellow Chamber members.



Lundy Construction

Thursday, June 28, 2018 5:00-7:00pm 200 Arch Street, Williamsport

Join us as we celebrate our family business, now in its third generation of Lundy family ownership. Come see our family business and enjoy an evening of good food, cold drinks, an open house of our facility and visit with new and old friends.



Valley View Rehab & Nursing Center

Thursday, July 12, 2018 5:00 – 7:00 pm 2140 Warrensville Road, Montoursville

Join us as we celebrate 25 years of excellent rehabilitation and nursing care. Come see our modern facility set among rolling hills on the outskirts of Williamsport. We offer skilled nursing and rehab care for 163 residents at various levels of medical need. We also have Woods' Edge Independent Living, senior living at its best. Network with fellow Chamber members in our beautiful courtyard and see what Valley View Rehab & Nursing facility can offer you.



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Thank you to New Trail Brewing Company for inviting the Chamber members to sample delicious beer at their brewery in Newberry. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Sandy Spencer, Membership Development & Retention Committee to Charles Imbro, owner of New Trail Brewing Company.

Bush House Estate/Montoursville Chamber of Commerce Hosts PM Exchange



Thank you to Bush House Estate and the Montoursville Chamber of Commerce for inviting the Chamber members to experience their recently renovated home for special events & member businesses associated with the Montoursville Chamber. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Carmen Bush, owner of Bush House Estate by Will Daniels, Montoursville Chamber Chair.

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□fter serving the area for over □□years in premium 9uality interior design, Timeless □urniture and Interiors will be relocating to
puare, at the corner of Pine □treet and □ittle □eague □oulevard in the city.

The company will be having a grand opening celebration during \Box rst \Box riday festivities from \Box p.m. to \Box p.m. 🖬 ly 🗖

"I like the location because we're easily accessible. People know where that is," said Deidel Dhiffer, coowner. "It's more downtown, but it's not in the hard to find parking area. We'll have a whole parking lot."

 \Box e said it makes things easier for the deliveries and the drivers to bring in furniture.

"Doth vendors and outgoing deliveries to homes will be better. We try to make the delivery eDerience amaBing," he said. "Dou've got to get that Fwow' e berience, so deliveries are an important part of that."

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□hiffer co-owns the company with Carol □ower.

"□he handles the business and financial matters \dots The is the backbone of Timeless. □he is the rock," he said. "Dhe keeps us all together."

Originally from the Deavertown area, he said Williamsport was the perfect place for him to start up a business.

"I've been in the interior design business for a long time ... I didn't want to move too far away from home," he said. "This town needs good design. It needs someone who can take your space and put it into a plan that makes sense."

 \Box e said it's important to keep an entire room in mind when designing instead of picking individual pieces.

"Dou don't build a house without a plan. Dou rarely get on a plane without thinking about where it's supposed to land. Dou know where you're going when you get on," he said. "When you start a room, you should know how it's going to look before you start buying pieces."



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 \Box aving a plan in mind is a breath of fresh air to so many people who buy an individual piece only to find it doesn't fit in the space they need.

"We put the whole room together in the plan, even if you 21st want a piece of furniture ... I still want to see where that chair is going to go," he said. "Then, I can measure space, find the right chair and find the right look."

They can put things together, keep them and wait until the time is right to move forward with each piece.

"We'll put it into the plan, and then whenever you're ready, we'll proceed," he said.

While the typical clientele for interior design may be considered more high end, they can meet needs for a budget, too.

"Our typical clients are anyone who needs help finding the right pieces for their house.

We can work within most any budget, and we've got financing," he said. "We've got options."

□e said there are plenty of high 9uality, high end products, but there are many that are more affordable without sacrificing 9uality as well.

"I also felt it very important to bring in some middle of the road lines that are not an arm and a leg, not really epensive, but are still very good 9uality," he said. "Dou can get some furniture that's going to last but are still very, very reasonably priced."

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(l-r) Wendy Martin, Sr. Branch Office Administrator; Vince Matteo, Chamber President/CEO; Patricia Jezick. Sr. Branch Office Administrator, David Tanney, Financial Advisor and Kelly Heckman

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(l-r) David, Denise, Danielle and

Matteo, Chamber President/CEO

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□artman Construction Inc. has a been a part of the central Pennsylvania business scene since when \Box ene \Box artman launched the company.

Over \square years, the business has grown from a home-based company to a thriving enterprise with □ene's son, □avid □artman, serving as president.

 \Box avid \Box artman sums up the company as follows \Box "We do commercial, industrial and institutional construction."

That means all sorts of construction, from building erections to concrete and carpentry work.

The company has a millright division performing industrial services.

In addition, Dartman Construction carries out machine moving, e9uipment set-up and dismantling activities.

"We do design build and construction management too," □avid □artman said.

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The company, located on an \square -acre site at \square Point Township \square r., \square orthumberland, employs more than \square people.

 \Box avid \Box artman and his son, \Box an \Box artman, who serves as pro2ect manager, noted that the company is busy these days.

With the onset of summer, construction work can only be $e\Box$ pected to pick up.

□nd that's good news, following the long winter and wet spring which somewhat slowed down business.

"We put on about \square field guys in the spring," \square avid \square artman said.

 \Box uring any one week, the company may be 2uggling \Box to \Box 2bbs.

"I'd like to think of us as the clients' contractor, largely because of all the repeat business we have," □an □artman said. One of \Box artman's big 2bs under way is the construction of a new academic building at \Box ucknell \Box niversity.

 \Box nd some of the company's biggest clients have been \Box ucknell as well as Weis \Box arkets.

 \Box recent pro2ect included construction of the \Box iller Center, a fitness facility in \Box ewisburg.

While most of \Box artman's 2bbs are in the region, the company does step out of the area for work.

□ecent construction work has included the building of mari2uana dispensaries in Carlisle and □eelton.

" \Box ost of our work is in a \Box -mile circle," \Box avid \Box artman said.

Over the years, the company has been involved in diverse construction work.

On a wall of a small conference room at \Box artman head9uarters, the father-son pair pointed out some of those pro2cts.

They have included the erection of the roller coast-

er at □noebel's □musement □esort and an airport traffic control tower.

□artman also did renovations for the □peedwall □orge □am in □ititB

"We did all the concrete work on that," □avid □artman said.

 \Box e called buildings the company's specialty.

"We are looking to do more metal fabrication," □an □artman said.

 \Box avid \Box artman said the construction industry poses its challenges.

"Dou never build the same thing twice," he said. "Dou have to adopt to conditions. Dou have to be nimble to what happens on the 2ob site."

There's also the task of managing the 2bbs.

 \Box ost recently, \Box artman launched \Box ear \Box ental, the company's tool rental division.

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ing trip to the landfill was definitely an eye-opener, as some put it. After a tour through the recycling center, the class was taken out in the midst of the landfill. Standing in the open while garbage trucks emptied their contents was definitely front row viewing. They learned so much about recycling and the landfill.

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The class traveled to Panda Patriot where they were shown a powerpoint presentation on how the plant came to be. Joe Llovd, Vice President of Operations, led the discussion on what Panda Patriot is and how it works. Really interesting! After a walk through to see just how everything works with minimal staff, the class was treated to a pork barbecue lunch. Very educational and interesting!

Next, the class headed to Lycoming Engines for a tour, which was equally interesting. Thank you to the tour guides for taking time out of their day to show us around.

As part of the environment, the class met with Alice Trowbridge and Corey Ellison from Susquehanna Greenway Partnership for a presentation on what SGP is and does for our community. Then they headed to the River Walk for more information on the environment along the way. After a brief discussion from Alice and Corey, the walk ended just before the dam and the class continued on their way.

Thank you to our sponsors, LL Class of 2017, Chief Oil & Gas, IBG Business, and Range Resources.

Thank you Stephanie Steinbacher, UPMC Susquehanna and Chris Kenyon, McCormick Law Firm for being class reporters.



(l) The Class of 2018 learns more about the landfill and the co-gen plant.

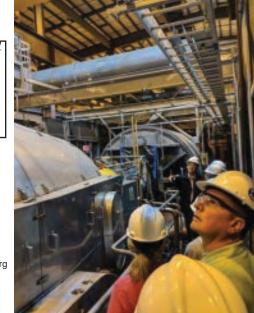
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(r) Joe Lloyd and his team gave the class a tour of Panda Patriot Power Plant in Montgomery.



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(l)Alice Trowbridge and Corey Ellison, of Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, share about the River Walk.





The class started the day with a tour of the Lycoming County Landfill & Recycling facilities with Michael Hnatin, Lauren Strausser & Donny Hassenplug.

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Member Renewals Received between April 30th and May 30th

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

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Watch for our announcement in July to see the Hall of Fame baseball player joining us as this year's parade Grand Marshal.

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 \Box erchants' Credit Processing \Box ervice of Central P \Box opened a new office in downtown Williamsport this year at \Box \Box \Box W. \Box burth \Box .

Their central office, located at □□□□aBel □t., □ew □erlin, has been processing credit for the area since □□□□

 \Box rt \Box ieberman, owner, came to the area in \Box from \Box rooklyn, \Box ew \Box ork, and thought it was a great place to establish a business.

□ is business style fits in with the local, hometown feel of the central Pennsylvania area.

" \Box s far as our business, we have one goal \Box save them money. If we can't save them money, why would anybody make a switch in their credit card processing \Box " he said. " \Box es, we provide wonderful service, but we will take a look. \Box o matter what we have to do, we will save them money."

 \Box e said they make sure their clients get the best rates.

"Dven to the point where we barely make any money," he said. "There's so much competition out there that we've got to supply rates that are credible."

 \Box e keeps the small town feeling in the central office, as the main office is \Box steps from his personal home.

Workers often eat homemade meals prepared by his wife for lunch.

The atmosphere in the establishment is friendly, even with a laid back "WiBard of OB' feeling as the path to the office, a green yurt building, is a yellow brick road.

"It's really, really comfortable," he said. "We love it ... It's really good. We try to even bring the customers into that family environment."

They offer \Box isa, \Box astercard, \Box iscover and \Box merican \Box press.

While they work for many local businesses, they also work with over **DD** campgrounds with their credit processing.

 \Box e owes the amount of business the company does to their personal service.

"There are thousands and thousands that sell the $e\Box$ act same thing. It's not like having a product that may have a nuance to it ... Or something that is different that they can do," he said. " \Box ostly, it's the same thing. \Box b, it's all about service."

□ e said more often than not, clients are given some □□□ number to call where no one answers when there are problems. "It's not them. It's a professional service. □ ost of the time, if they're busy enough ... □ ou hear, H'm sorry, all operators are busy," he said.

□aving a customer in person when a merchant is trying to sell an item but can't because there's some unknown problem with the credit card processing can lose business and create problems for those merchants. It's important to have someone available who can answer 9uestions and troubleshoot problems.

"Demetimes we can solve the problem right away," he said.

The most common problem is having a storm that might mess up the machine and re9uires it to be unplugged and plugged back in.

"Dist like a computer, something can go wrong, and you reboot it," he said. "That's an easy one."

Other problems can happen that they can troubleshoot and help people figure out so they can continue conducting their own businesses.

They are hopeful to continue e panding the business, particularly those who may be looking for a position in the Williamsport office.





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"We always are looking for talented people," he said.

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 \Box ke almost any prospective business owner, \Box r. \Box nnifer Pryor knew she was taking a chance when she launched \Box kasha Center for \Box olistic \Box edicine.

Lut she felt a medical practice offering an array of medical services and therapies not readily available for many people in the area was overdue.

"Dome people still look down on unconventional medicine," she said. "We are taking a leap of faith."

□b far, Pryor said people are coming for the different treatments and educational programs offered.

Pryor, a medical physician, heads up the small holistic practice at $\square \square \square \square$ \square Third \square ., Williamsport, which includes a nurse practitioner.

 \Box olistic, often confused with alternative medicine, is care that provides for the whole person C mind, body and spirit.

Treatments include everything from primary care, occupational and physical therapies to lymphatic drainage reiki and healing energy.

"We have been doing yoga from the beginning," she said.

□ducational sessions covering holistic topics are offered too as well as nutritional consultations.

"We have a men's group we are going to be starting," she said. "We are inviting people to come out and speak. We are trying to get as many people involved as we can."

 \Box n on-site retail store offers products supporting healthy lifestyles.

Pryor said the store serves as a complement to \Box resh \Box fe, a natural food and wellness store, located ne \Box door.

□he noted that it's the only area holistic center accepting insurance.

Overall, the business has been a big undertaking.

"It's way bigger than I thought it would be," she said. "There is no way to control all the details. There have been surprising bonuses. It's bringing the right people together."

□arly on, Pryor worked with the □ock □aven □niversity □mall □usiness Center to help get started.

Prior to that, she did a lot of research on her type of business.

 \Box ill, as with any business start-up, there was that learning process.

"There have been the usual bumps we had to work through," she said. "Overall, we are on track. It's definitely more complicated than I thought it would be."





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The Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce has gone live with ChamberMaster, our new Membership Database. Chamber members were originally emailed May 1st, inviting them to create their personal login and password for the Member Information Center.

All of our events, communication and information is being processed through this new database. Please check your inbox for a second email inviting you to create your login and password with the subject line: "Create Your Login for the Chamber of Commerce". Please click the link in the email and register! (If you have already done so, please disregard this flyer.)

The response from members about the new database has been overwhelmingly positive:

"ChamberMaster is awesome. Registered for an event.

Could add it right to my Outlook calendar. And registration was smooth. Very impressed." -Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Member

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For more information please contact: Nancy J. Eischeid, CPA, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Phone: (570) 320-4206 Email: neischeid@williamsport.org

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Chamber recognizes high school students

The Education Committee of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the following students for being chosen as the Student of the 3rd Quarter for their high school and for their hard work and achievements. Congratulations!



Alyssa Ficacci - Loyalsock Township School District







Kade Heckel - East Lycoming School District



Chloe Dodge - South Williamsport Area School District



Madesyn Brelsford - Muncy Area School District



Jaelyn Woods - Montgomery

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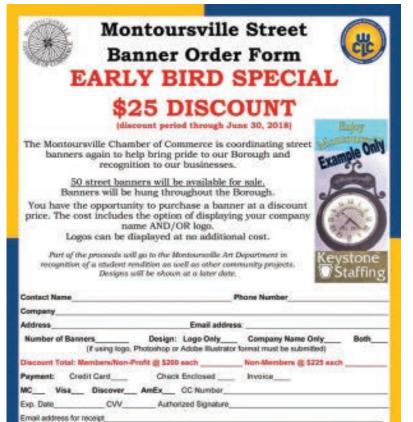
David Tomb - Jersey Shore Area School District



Jacob McDonald -Montoursville Area School District

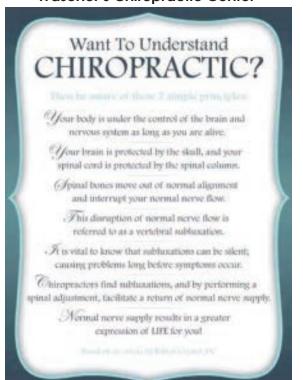


Noah Persun - St. John Neumann Regional Academy



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