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The Chamber View

Jason Fink, President/CEO

It's been a busy month for the Chamber and I would expect for many of you as well. I had the opportunity to catch the opening day of the Billtown Blues Festival and a Williamsport Crosscutters game. Activities and programs that have been in planning for the past several months are finally getting completed.

One program that we assisted with was started last year by the Williamsport Area School District called "Teacher in the Workplace", which was funded by a Department of Labor Future Ready grant through Central PA Workforce Development Corporation. It was a first year program for the district and involved having teachers, last summer, go into area industries for a day to learn more about what they do and the skills required to undertake the work at these businesses. From there, the teachers took the information learned from these visits and incorporated it into their curriculum for the upcoming year. The district just reported out the results to the businesses with the teachers talking about the experiences and how it helped them in tying items they

were teaching to activities that they saw out in area industry. It was great to hear, for example, how an elementary teacher was able to connect her students with the business she toured through regular emails throughout the year. One thing that I took away from it was a point made during the discussions that only 30% of today's jobs require a 4-year degree. The vast majority require a 2-year degree, certificate program(s) or on-the-job specialized training. We were appreciative of the district asking for help to make connections to area businesses. The good thing is that they were funded again for this summer and are getting prepared for this year's program.

Another initiative that we're getting a chance to become more active with is the PA Wilds. You may have heard about this effort which focuses on tourism, artists and artisans, community branding and the general outdoors as one of the economic drivers for a 12 ½ county region spanning east from Lycoming County west to Warren County. Back in May, I was approached to become a member of the PA Wilds Center

Board. Having been involved in various efforts for the PA Wilds since its inception in 2004, I am looking forward to working with this regional initiative to grow and enhance the outdoor economy. One thing that's a perk to me, is getting to attend meetings in other areas of the region and participate in activities elsewhere in the PA Wilds. Last month I got a chance to attend a soft opening for the new visitors center and café for Straub Brewery in St. Marys. It was on a Saturday and I was able to bring Pam (my wife) with me and having traveled that route for various meetings over the past years I told her that I hoped she'd have a chance to see elk. Well, as you can tell by the photo, we came across a small herd just outside of St. Marys on the way home. I always stop and take pictures whenever I see them because they're just so majestic of an animal.

One other activity that I got a chance to do last month that I hadn't done in a couple years was participate in a natural gas wellsite tour. Alta Resources invited me along for a tour with Senator Yaw and other people from the community to see the

latest in how they're extracting natural gas here in the Marcellus region. We toured a site northwest of Williamsport and it was good to see the advancements in the couple of years that have passed since the last tour I attended. The size of the pads was smaller and one thing that I noted was the lack of water tanks at the site. This was due to consolidating all of them into just one large water container. Additionally, no water was being trucked to the site as it was being fed directly from the Susquehanna River.

Now that we're officially into summer, hopefully you'll get out and enjoy the warmer weather. As I write this, it hasn't

rained for three days and it looks like we might be catching a break from it for a little while. If you're into events, be sure to check out the Visitors Bureau's website, vacationpa.com for our calendar of events to see what you can attend. You'll also find other information for a host of activities to occupy your outdoor time here in Lycoming County. Here's a little inspiration to go explore and see some of our great area. This other photo is from the scenic vista just about ¾ of a mile north of Little Bear Creek on Route 87. You can go check that out and then stop by for dinner at Pier 87. Catch you in August, if not before then...



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Little League® International is excited to welcome all fans, families, and players to Williamsport this summer. Every August, new life experiences are created and cherished during the Little League Baseball® World Series. As a contributing member in our community, Little League International would love for your business to get involved and encourages your participation in the celebration!

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One of the most prosperous weeks for the local economy, the Little League® World Series is an exciting time for everyone, especially local businesses. However, as required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Little League must strictly and diligently protect its logos and trademarks to maintain their integrity and ensure many more years of Little League Tournaments in Williamsport. While there are many ways for your business to thrive and benefit from this lively time of year, Little League® International prohibits the following without written permission:

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Available now for members is the new Wage and Benefit report "An Examination of Compensation Practices, Wages and Benefits Packages in Lycoming County". Survey participants can purchase the report for \$50 while all others can purchase it for \$200.



2019 Atlantic Sunrise Project Impact with Mike Atchie

Williams Company, which operates natural gas transmission lines across the United States and has an office and station just north of Salladasburg, presented an update at the Morning Member Connection on June 12. The Transco line that they operate, which runs the span of central Lycoming County, delivers natural gas through a 10,000-mile interstate transmission pipeline system extending from South Texas to New York City. It transports 15% of the nation's natural gas and is the largest-volume natural gas pipeline system in the US.

At the program, Mike Atchie, Public Business Outreach Partner with Williams, touched on the recently completed Atlantic

Sunrise Project which expanded the Transco system by 20%. The historic project increased the design capacity of the Transco pipeline by 1.7 billion cubic feet per day (approximately 12 percent) to 15.8 billion cubic feet per day. In the process, the project further strengthened and extended the bi-directional flow of the Transco system, directly connecting Marcellus gas supplies with markets as far south as Alabama.



Mike also addressed the plans for the expansion of the Leidy Line, which is part of the Transco system. It's located in Lycoming and Clinton Counties. The Leidy South Expansion Project proposes to expand the Transco pipeline, in time for the 2021-2022 winter heating season. 3.5 miles of the pipe will be in eastern Lycoming County, meeting the daily needs of 2.5 million homes as the consumption of naturally gas continues to increase. The modern natural gas boom has given the U.S. a chance to achieve genuine energy independence and seriously cut down on carbon emissions. Because of its environmental advantages, natural gas fuels one-

third of electric power generation and heats half of all U.S. homes — and those numbers continue to climb.



July PM Exchanges...

Susquehanna Oral & Facial Surgery
Thursday, July 11, 2019
5:00 – 7:00 pm
1701 Four Mile Drive, Williamsport

Take a tour of both the Oral & Facial Surgery & Dental Implant Center. See related services for oral & facial surgery. Under a tent, enjoy a pig roast catered by Farrington and music by Flip Side. Parking/shuttles will be available at Backyard Broadcasting and Emmanuel Baptist Church parking lots. Enter for raffle door prizes, too.



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Natural Waterscapes
Thursday, July 25, 2019
5:00 – 7:00 pm
960 US Highway 15, South Williamsport

You are invited to a relaxing PM Exchange next to our display pond with cascading waterfalls. Tour our retail showroom and fulfillment department while learning how selling via multiple e-commerce channels has taken Natural Waterscapes from a small, local enterprise to an emerging national brand in the pond and lake management industry.



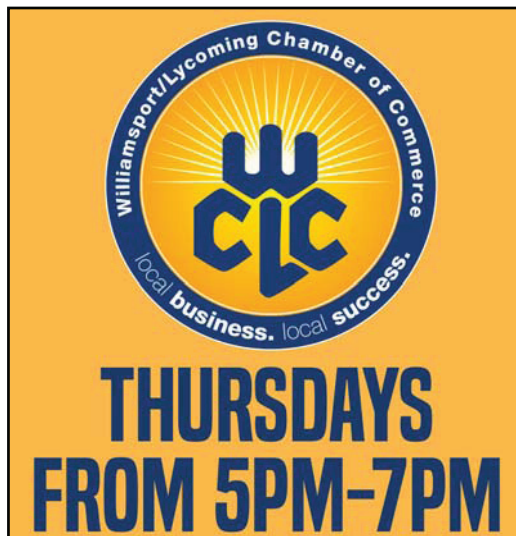
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August PM Exchange...

Catherine Burns Insurance Services
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Thursday, August 8, 2019
5:00 – 7:00 pm
960 Plaza Drive, Montoursville

PLEASE NOTE: This PM is replacing the previously cancelled Pace Analytical Services (Seewald Labs)

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 Contact Taryn Mueller for more information at
 570-320-4209 or tmueller@williamsport.org

For a complete list of upcoming Chamber events, visit www.williamsport.org

PM Exchanges

Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat



Thank you to the Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat for inviting Chamber members to enjoy a dockside party at their recent PM Exchange. Guests had the opportunity to socialize on board the boat and on the upper deck. Chamber members indulged in delicious food and took in the beauty of the Susquehanna River. Accepting the certificate, (from l to r) Bill Nichols, River Valley Transit General Manager & Mike Strunk, Hiawatha Captain; Taryn Mueller, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Marketing & Membership Coordinator; Kirk Fisher, Membership Development & Retention Committee.

Get Connected With Your Chamber!

Check out our websites for all your events, relocation plans, economic development news, leadership opportunities, and membership information.

TownePlace Suites by Marriott



Thank you to TownePlace Suites by Marriott for inviting Chamber members to a country-style PM Exchange. The newly remodeled hotel hosted a band and served delicious BBQ. (from l to r) Jodi Thomas; Maggie Hall; Holly Kremser; Dana Irvin; Dina Maka; Shanon German, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Membership Development and Retention Committee.

Ribbon Cuttings

KVS Computers' New Location



Congratulations KVS Computers and owner, Cherif Ammar-Khodja, on your ribbon cutting and grand opening at 71 West Water Street, Hughesville. Their new location provides additional space for computer repair and refurbishing, IT consulting/support, IT equipment recovery, electronics recycling, sales of electronic equipment, accessories & components, data destruction, virus/malware removal/ Security.

K&W Tire Company's Car Show in Support of the Lycoming County SPCA



Congratulations on your ribbon cutting and car show at 2964 Lycoming Creek Road, Williamsport. Dawn and Bryan Hicks' brought a special guest, their dog Miesha. Bryan (holding the scissors) is the new Manager at K&W Tire. To his left are Jim Reeser, Retail General Manager and employee, Chris Cawley.

Any Event builds relationships through the years

By **DEREK DANNEKER**
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With the experience of nearly three decades and full-time employees who have worked alongside each other for 19-years, owners of Any Event Party Rental & Sales, at 820 Westminster Drive, said people travel from a 100-mile-radius to do business with them.

When Lori Johnson and Charlene Carson first started in 1991, they said the outdoor wedding trend was just catching on.

“Things were more formal,” said Carson. “People followed the rules of etiquette moreso, but now, everything and anything goes.”

Before, most people had their weddings at the hotels, like the Genetti. But soon outdoor weddings — and other events — began to take hold.

“We just knew there was a need for party rentals and that kind of thing,” she said.

Over the years, the owners said their relationships with long-time clients grew, as Any Event helped several generations of families with their wedding needs.

“We like helping those people have a lot of fun, and reducing stress,” said Johnson.

During this time, relationships with their employees grew as well, she said.

“One thing that I am most proud

about this whole journey is the fact that four of our full-time employees have been with us for at least 19 years,” said Johnson. “We have people all the time tell us how wonderful it was to work with us and how wonderful our employees were.”

The face of many of Any Event’s deliveries is Jeff Thomas, supervisor.

“It’s good employees like Jeff that make sure things are correctly and safely delivered,” said Johnson.

After countless involvement in affairs of every degree, Any Event has built up its supplies in the showroom to offer potential customers a considerable amount of ideas and options.

Anyone can come in at anytime said

Johnson, “No appointment needed.”

“We just help people remember every detail whether it’s something that we rent or not,” said Johnson.

In recent years, weddings have taken on a rustic trend, said Any Event owners. To facilitate this, and move with the trends, the rental store offers several decorational items such as ladders, galvanized beverage tubs, wicker chairs and more.

“We more recently have been doing a lot more pipe and drape, where we’ll go into a barn and put up draping to hide maybe part of the barn that is missing, farm equipment or sectioning buildings off,” said Carson.

Any Event Party Rental and Sales is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is closed Sundays.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Above, Any Event’s tents come in many sizes. This large 40x120 tent is still 40 feet shy of the maximum size. Right, with many different colors to choose from, Any Event can provide any linens needed for occasions.



Your CBD Store's Grand Opening - Montoursville Location!



Congratulations to Your CBD Store on their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony! Located at 960 Plaza Drive, Montoursville, they offer CBD products made from high quality, organically sourced Hemp from Colorado using a CO2 extraction process. (From l to r) Jason Fink; Your CBD Store's staff: Sarah Taylor, Lindsay Friker, Catherine Burns, Justin Johnson, Anthony D'Alena, Mike Rakestraw, Heather Rakestraw; Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Membership Development & Retention Committee, Tanya Weber.

PJ Beiter Coins Now Located Downtown on Pine Street!



Congratulations to PJ Beiter Coins on their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony! Located at 208 Pine Street, Williamsport. They provide collector coins, gifts for all occasions, currency, gold and silver. (From l to r) Jason Fink of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Rob Beiter, Melissa Machmer, Paula Beiter, Angela Welty, (front row) Anita Beiter, and Erik Houser of Senator Gene Yaw's office.

Dr. Lewis' New Veterinary Office in Jersey Shore!



Congratulations to Mary and Bob Lewis on the ribbon cutting of RoseBird Veterinary Center located at 204 Thomas Street right in Jersey Shore. Dr. Lewis has proudly served our area for 26 years. (from l to r) Tammy Gunsalus, Brenda Shaffer, Dr. Robert Lewis, Bill Burget of Muncy Bank and Trust Co.; Jason Fink of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.

Dave's Pro Auto Grand Opening of New Location!



Congratulations to Dave's Pro Auto Service Inc. on the ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration of their new location at 224 South Market Street, South Williamsport. Gary Chrisman, of iHeartMedia, spoke with Dave Bausinger live on the radio during the Saturday morning event. Hot dogs were on the grill and cold drinks were served to those who stopped by. The new shop provides twice the garage space of the previous location. Services include complete car and light truck service and repairs on all makes and models of cars and light trucks.

FEATURE MEMBER

American Rescue Workers hone in on homelessness

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More than just thrift stores, the American Rescue Workers offer several programs aimed at alleviating the root issue of homelessness — not having a home.

With two emergency shelters, one for families and another for men, as well as a men's work rehabilitation shelter, Latricia Scutching, housing coordinator and case manager, said ARW is actively working to reduce vagrancy in the community.

Through the housing first approach, the ARW's Fresh Start work program focuses on believing that everyone is ready for permanent housing and it is the first step in recreating their future, she said.

"This philosophy is saying that you don't need to get drug and alcohol counseling first, you don't need to get mental health counseling first, you need your housing first and then everything will fall into place," she said.

Once housed at the shelter, the men have a 30-day "blackout" period, focusing on job training, acquiring vital documents, enrolling in supportive services, mental health services and more. Residents are unable to leave the premises during this time and must work in the several jobs involving the thrift store.

The program ends with a job, home and \$500 in their savings, all outside of the ARW. The lessons of responsibility, work ethic, soft-skills and others have moved many people into being functional members of society.

The two emergency programs the ARW offer focus on assisting families who are able to house themselves but are unable for a time due to disasters or financial issues.

"These are like individuals who have housing coming up, and they just need an extra week or two to stay here and make more money on their own," said Scutching. "They get to work with me, and I can be a link to resources in the community."

The family shelter is provided through a partnership with Saving Grace Shelter at 324 Campbell Street and the men's shelter is at the ARW main location at 643 Elmira Street.

"Saving grace is the only true emergency shelter within a 60-mile radius," said Scutching. Those who have nowhere to go may be admitted immediately.

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The second floor of American Rescue Workers Elmira location contains a recently renovated mess hall and kitchen, where the men have their meals and devotions.

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Though AWS does receive some grant funding, Valerie Fessler, director of development and community engagement, said the thrift stores generate 80 percent of the money used to support these programs.

AWS has two thrift store locations in Williamsport, on Elmira and Rose streets, and has seven other locations in Montoursville, Hughesville, Mill Hall, Mifflinburg, Jersey Shore, Lock Haven and Canton.

Revenue from these locations is also used to fund emergency grocery assistance, which helps to feed 750 families monthly and a rent assistance program to keep people housed.

Though extra food can always be donated, Fessler

said those willing to give to the community should look to monetary donations to give effectively and allow ARW to be agile with changing times.

"We have resources in the community to purchase things at a discounted rate. We can make your dollar stretch a lot further than you can," said Fessler. "The most flexible way to support is to make a donation."

Hygiene products, however, are always needed, she added.

In the near future, Dawn Astin, business administrator, said AWS current location on Elmira street has fallen into disrepair and will begin a restoration and painting. Estimated to cost \$360,000 to \$400,000, the



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Each floor is dedicated to a different donated item. Here, workers tinker with bikes to get them into better conditions.

repairs are expected to be completed by fall of this year.

"We're going to have a wonderful looking build-

ing, and we're excited about that because we realized our neighborhood needed a little touching up," she said.

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Leadership Lycoming's Closing Session

The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2019 held their closing session on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Little League Headquarters in South Williamsport. Our closing session started off with Matt Baranoski, UPMC Susquehanna, with a presentation on "Time to Shape Your Professional Future." A great topic to end the year.

The class received a special treat when they met some previous graduates from Little League and heard from Steve Keener, President of Little League International. Steve told several stories from how he got started at Little League and his journey, and other stories relating to the series, many with a leadership message.

The class participated in a group exercise before lunch and continued with a recap session led by Mike Pontious, Leadership Lycoming Chair and Sherry Paulhamus, Vice-Chair, to ask

for specific feedback on the program's annual activities. The class provided great feedback for discussion. After the recap, the class had a walk around the complex led by Brian McClintock, and actually had the opportunity to step on the same field as the



Steve Keener, President of Little League International, welcomed the Class of 2019 along with several alumni. Steve's focus was on people and less on profit and his stories showed a leader that has a good balance between relationships and business.

Leadership Lycoming - Program Sponsorships Available

The Class of 2019 was happy to be able to stand on the field where the Little League World Series games are played.

PPL Electric Utilities named 2019 Investor-Owned Utility of the Year by SEPA

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (June 12, 2019) – The Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA) has named PPL Electric Utilities as the 2019 SEPA Power Players Investor-Owned Utility of the Year.

Now in their eleventh year, the SEPA Power Players Awards honor utilities, their industry partners and individual thought leaders, providing the vision, models and momentum for the electric power industry's smart transition to a clean, modern energy future.

Chosen by an independent panel of judges with diverse experience in the electric power industry, PPL Electric Utilities and winners in six other categories will be celebrated at an awards gala on Monday, July 29, co-located with SEPA's Grid Evolution Summit in Washington, D.C.

"The utility industry is undergoing a period of transition and change. As a company, we're investing in digital and physical technologies to prepare for a future that embraces distributed, digitally enhanced and carbon-neutral technologies" said PPL Electric Utilities President Greg Dudkin. "Being recognized by SEPA is indeed an honor, but also a testament to the foresight and innovation exhibited by so many at PPL who are intent on blazing new trails to better serve the evolving needs of our customers."

PPL's award was a recognition of the company's comprehensive plan and strategy to prepare for the future by creating the next generation of advanced distribution management system functionalities through its Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS).

This system dynamically manages distributed energy resources (DER) connected to PPL's grid to optimize power quality, while encouraging the adoption of DER like solar. The DERMS enables PPL to host more interconnected DER because it leverages these resources to counteract some of the negative impacts

that DER can have in high penetrations. Those impacts can include high line voltage or over-operation of capacitor banks.

"Now in their 11th year, the SEPA Power Player Awards received a record-breaking number of submissions, showing once again how the industry as a whole is working together to create meaningful and successful solutions to power our future," said SEPA President and CEO Julia Hamm. "From innovative platforms bringing smart homes to life, to unique partnerships implementing utility-DER customer interaction, these individuals and organizations are truly paving the way to clean and modern."

About SEPA: The Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA) is an educational nonprofit working to facilitate the electric power industry's smart transition to a clean and modern energy future through education, research, standards and collaboration. SEPA offers a range of research initiatives and resources, as well as conferences, educational events, advisory services and professional networking opportunities. SEPA is founder and co-sponsor of Solar Power International (now North American Smart Energy Week) and winner of the Keystone Policy Center's 2016 Leadership in Energy Award. For more information, visit www.sepapower.org.

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About PPL Electric Utilities

PPL Electric Utilities provides electric delivery service to more than 1.4 million homes and businesses in Pennsylvania and ranks among the best utility companies in the country for customer service and reliability. PPL Electric Utilities is a major employer in the communities it serves. It is a subsidiary of PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL). For more information visit www.pplelectric.com.

Leadership Lycoming Graduates Class of 2019

Another Leadership Lycoming program year down! The Class of 2019 graduated June 13, 2019 at the Williamsport Country Club. Leadership Lycoming Chair, Mike Pontious, welcomed everyone and thanked the Chamber Board and the Leadership Lycoming Operating Committee for another successful year.

Sherry Paulhamus, Vice-Chair and incoming Chair, and Sharon Jones, Program Coordinator, distributed plaques and pins to the graduates.

Donna Bastian presented the eighth annual Leadership Lycoming Community Service Award to Mike Gaetano for his involvement in the community and the Leadership program. Mike thanked everyone and encouraged the class to continue their

involvement in the community.

A special thank you to the graduation sponsors, Lamar Advertising and Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Hodrick Realty. We would also like to thank all the program sponsors, program day hosts, speakers, River Valley Transit for transportation and anyone involved in helping make this year a success for the Class of 2019.



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(left) Donna Bastian presents the 8th Annual Donna Bastian Leadership Lycoming Community Service Award to Mike Gaetano, The Hartman Group. Congratulations Mike!



(right) Sherry Paulhamus, incoming Chair for Leadership Lycoming Operating Committee, presents a clock to Mike Pontious, outgoing Chair of the LLOC.

Leadership Lycoming is Pleased to Present the Class of 2019



(Seated L to R:) Lori Patterson, Lycoming College; Becky Yeagle, Herman & Luther's Barn; Erin Shelinski, UPMC Susquehanna; Mackenzie Howe, Hope Enterprises; Molly Kirby, Transitional Living Centers; Rachel Planas, McCormick Law Firm; Marla Kramer, Lycoming College; (Second Row:) Deb Wescott, Pennsylvania College of Technology; Stacey Russell, The Muncy Bank & Trust Company; Matt Frick, Larson Design Group; Holly Chapman, Community Services Group; Valerie Fessler, American Rescue Workers; Samantha Mahaffey, Little League International; James Haywood, PA CareerLink; (Third Row:) Jamie Sanders, Camp Susque; Jason Smith, Max Worx/Hope Enterprises; Anthony Pace, Pennsylvania College of Technology; Kristin Caringi, James V. Brown Library; Sebastian Peipher, BLaST IU 17; Alex Johnson, UPMC Susquehanna; Daryl Yount, McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall; Eric Sechrist, McTish, Kunkel & Associates

As a sponsor of the Leadership Lycoming program, you are reinvesting in our community. This program helps participants develop and refine their leadership skills to produce stronger leaders.

Leadership Lycoming graduates will be challenged to immediately put their skills to use by serving on a board and volunteering in the community.

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SMALL BUSINESS

ClearView Asset Protection working to keep places secure

By **MALLORIE McILWAIN**
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HUGHESVILLE — ClearView Asset Protection, a 24/7 security company at 128 Green Valley Rd., is working to create new and cost efficient ways to insure safe and secure places for local and international gas companies and medicinal marijuana plants.

ClearView Asset Protection was founded in 2013 by Lance Thomas, managing member and owner of the Hughesville location that opened in the beginning of 2017. The administrative office is in Bloomsburg.

The company works in different areas including with their designer in New Jersey, Maryland and Pennsylvania, as well as dispensaries in Erie, working on dispensaries in Philadelphia, Reading Pottsville, the company is expanding and evolving as time moves past.

ClearView in Hughesville is the main building where the employees work out of. They build the equipment, train, and have an overview of the security monitors at this location.

“A majority of the supervisors and owners are in law enforcement,” said Thomas. “We have the experience. We take pride in our work.”

The company uses two different measures for security.

“We do actual electronic security which would be your cameras, access control, etc. and we do physical. That would be your guards, roaming patrol, etc.,” said Thomas.

When working with the Green Thumb Industry in Danville, ClearView helped make changes to training done at other services.

“My claim to fame for us is the Department of Health came up and checked to see if it can open up and start,” said Thomas. “We had done some very unique systems in that warehouse. They liked our systems, how we did the monitoring, what we did for access control and man traps. That is where one door has to close before another can open; we added that into all of their vaults. The Department of Health started training their inspectors on our systems.”

ClearView works with other local companies such as Alta and Chief within the gas industry. When companies put in gas pads, they have a required route to take the equipment to the desired pad. ClearView will put up security booths to insure that gas companies are taking the correct routes and they assist with incoming traffic.

There are two types of booths that ClearView has and operates.

“We have man booths where a guard actually stands in them. They will sign people in and out of the pad and they have radios and WiFi,” said Thomas. “Then we have the automated guard booths which is very unique. We are one of two companies I believe, that manufactures these automated guard booths. It does everything the guard does. It takes live video, you have to use an access control card to get through — there’s cameras taking pic-

tures of your face when you swipe it. There’s a camera taking pictures of the vehicle and the license plate, and then it documents time.”

These automated guard booths are more cost efficient, cutting costs in just about half. It is efficient for companies who have administrative buildings in one place but work sites in others.

Because ClearView manufactures everything here, according to Thomas, they can work to keep their clients safe and to meet their specific needs.

“So, some companies don’t want or need that, they just want someone to sign people in and out, other companies want reports done,” he said. “Because we cater in so many ways, we have grown exponentially since we have started.”

ClearView comes in and meets with these companies to see what suggestions they might have to help where they are lacking and to insure ultimate safety and security for their business.

The company works towards the safety of companies not only in their security means but also with police by assisting with trespassing and other unusual incidents.

“Everybody thinks it’s just security but it’s a lot of safety that we are involved in,” said Thomas.

All of the employees at ClearView receive training from a multitude of areas including Safeguard training, CPR, and whatever else a company may require.

“The guards will get Safeguard training — training in the safety of how to react if there’s an incident that takes place on a pad,” he said. “Then we add additional training so our guards will get incident command training so they know if there’s an emergency they understand how EMS is going to respond, they understand how police is going to respond, who’s going to take charge, and basically their role in the whole event: What they need to do and how they need to assist.”

Other guards get specialty training like driving due to roaming guards having to go from pad to pad. In some cases, the guards will do CPR training, and report training so they know how to document spills or incidents and how to forward that to local police.

The hard work doesn’t go unnoticed at ClearView as they have created the “ClearView Mobile Smart Tower”. It is a durable trailer platform that provides 24/7 power that is covered in military grade solar wraps.

The tower itself is hollow on the inside and holds all of the equipment, hidden by the solar pads so no electronics or equipment is exposed and no one can get in. In addition, there’s a radar system installed that can locate drones and it’s operator’s location.

ClearView is using this system at the Little League World Series and they are doing the security for the event due to having past issues with drones over the fields during games.

Later, the hope is to use this tower for other sporting events and with the Air Force.



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At top is the ClearView building with original solar panel tower. Above is the ClearView Truck with new project, smart tower.

NEW MEMBER

Camp Victory provides accessible, inclusive atmosphere

By **CHRISTOPHER CIZEK**
Sun-Gazette Correspondent

Each year from spring to fall, Camp Victory, 58 Camp Victory Road, Millville, PA, comes to life with the laughter and excitement of hundreds of kids. The camp opened its doors in 1994 and has since hosted nearly 30,000 overnight campers and counselors, but Camp Victory is not just any regular camp. Camp Victory was built specifically for children with special needs and serious health issues, including cancer, diabetes, autism, brain injuries and heart disease, among many more.

"Instead of missing out on summer camp or being the kid with unusual circumstances," said Kate Pacacha, resource development associate for Camp Victory, "at Camp Victory, everything is adapted for accessibility and the kids are with other kids in similar circumstances." For example, the treehouse has a ramp for kids who use a wheelchair or walker. Camp Victory eliminates the obstacles children with special needs often encounter so they can enjoy their time at camp to the fullest.

"Campers love that they can ... enjoy all of the many camp activities without limits," said Jamie Huntley, executive director of Camp Victory, who adds that the camp is especially amazing because campers get to be with other children that have the same challenges that they face every day. It's a place where lifelong friendships and memories are made, and it is all thanks to Lois and Dennis Wolff sharing a dream with a few close friends in the summer of 1986.

The Wolffs' son, Nicholas, had been born with life-threatening liver disease and was recovering after a transplant at just 18 months old, said Pacacha. Camp Victory was back then and still is today a place to celebrate life's triumphs and share their struggles with others who were going through similar experiences. Huntley has a deep attachment to the Wolffs' mission, as she was Nicholas' preschool teacher.

Huntley, who is a cancer survivor her-

self, understands the difficulties Camp Victory campers experience. "I know how frequent medical appointments can seemingly take over your life and how important it is to have some ordinary life experiences that don't revolve around being ill," said Huntley. She is proud to be part of the Camp Victory team, who create amazing adventures for kids who otherwise would not have access to summer camp activities.

Kids can enjoy the zip line, archery, biking, arts and crafts, a game hall, playground equipment, an environmental center, walking trails and even more - there is no shortage of fun to be had at Camp Victory. There is even a Med Shed that provides medical attention on campus. "Kids can even receive a chemotherapy treatment while at camp and get right back out to the fun," said Pacacha. Camp Victory has thought of everything to make campers' lives as easy and carefree as possible.

Camp Victory is also a member of the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce, and has recently joined the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce. "We are always looking to increase our family of campers, volunteers and donors," said Pacacha, and joining Chambers of Commerce is one of the best ways to gain exposure and increase public awareness of what we do.

"It is a magical place where campers make lasting memories and experience countless victories all summer," said Huntley.

Camp Victory's upcoming fundraising events include a 5K on August 24 hosted by West Williamsport at Indian Park in Montoursville and Dr. O's Victory Ride on August 25 at Camp Victory in Millville.

Event details and more information about Camp Victory can be found on their Facebook page or at campvictory.org.



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At top, Camp Cranium, a Camp Victory program, empowers children with brain injuries. Above, PA Vent Camp, a camp within Camp Victory, kicked things off with a screening of "Toy Story 3" at their drive-in movie night.

Member Renewals

Received between May 31st and June 26th

Thank you to our renewing members.
We do appreciate your membership and involvement in the
Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce!

Members 31-40 Years

Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital
Radiant Steel Products Company

Members 21-30 Years

Keystone Data Systems & Promotional Specialists
Perkins Family Restaurant & Bakery, Inc.

Members 11-20 Years

Rennie Rodarmel Agency/Allstate Insurance Co.

Members 6-10 Years

Chef Hosch and Ann Catering Inc.
Comfort Inn of Williamsport
Lowe's

Michael J. Casale, Jr., Esq, LLC
Orchard Pump & Supply Co., Inc.
Rogers Uniforms LLC
Santino's Italian Cuisine

Stallion Oilfield Services-Appalachia Division

Members 1-5 Years

B&E Plumbing Corporation dba: PlumbingMasters
BCS Property Solutions
Bruster's Real Ice Cream (East End Scoops)
Central Oak Heights Association
Christian D. Calehuff LLC
Creative Benefits Inc.
Dunkin' Donuts
Enginuity, LLC
Fry's Fire Systems, LLC
Lycoming Digital Copier Co.
Lycoming Mobile Sandblasting Inc.
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THE 30TH ANNUAL CHAMBERLINKS GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019

WHITE DEER GOLF COURSE

REGISTRATION 7:30AM - TEE OFF 8:30AM

RAIN DATE: TBA



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Lycoming County Visitors Center

April 1st - November 30th Hours

Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday 9am - 3 pm

Sunday 11am - 3 pm



WILLIAMSPORT
LYCOMING COUNTY, PA

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings & Open Houses

Treasure Castle Playland 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, July 20, 2019

1414 West Southern Avenue

South Williamsport

Ribbon Cutting at 10:00am

Anniversary Celebration from
10:00 am – noon

Treasure Castle features an indoor
Children's Playland with
softplay unit, rock wall, toddler
area, food court,
family gaming and private party
rooms.

Dohl General Construction LLC. Wednesday, July 31, 2019

32 N. Main Street, Hughesville

Ribbon Cutting at 5:00pm

Open House 5:00-7:00pm

Heritage Springs Memory Care Inc.

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Watch for additional info.

Susquehanna Community Bank

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

2409 East Third Street,

Williamsport

Watch for additional info.

What's New in Lycoming County?...

STEP Inc. Ground Breaking Loyalsock Center for Healthy Aging



The community gathered at 1607 Four Mile Drive in Williamsport for the official ground breaking ceremony of the Loyalsock Center for Healthy Aging. Due to a growth in attendance the organization is in need of additional space at the Community Recreation Center.

"It takes a community to build a center" Jim Plankenhorn, President & CEO of STEP, Inc. commented during his presentation. Fred Shrimp, Director of the STEP Office of Aging said the new facility "will provide more room for their growing exercise class". The expansion will provide adequate space for the entire senior center to be in one location. "Senior citizens make up over 40% of the population in Loyalsock" said Shannon Lukowsky, Director of Recreation & Parks, Loyalsock Township. Mary Fischer, STEP Office of Aging volunteer worked with senior participants to help raise funds for the project.

The funding participants are the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County and the STEP Office of Aging.

Revolving Loan Fund

To assist businesses with their financial needs for construction, renovations, equipment purchases and working capital.
Information and applications available online at www.williamsport.org
or call Nancy Eischeid at the
Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce
at 570-326-1971.



2019 Montoursville Chamber of Commerce Summer Picnic



Join us for a great
summer evening with
friends!

Tuesday, August 13th
5pm to 7pm

Appetizer Buffet / Cash Bar

~5647 State Route 87, Williamsport~

Sponsored By:





Sponsorships Available!
\$150 sponsorship!

Your sponsorship includes:

2 complimentary guests to the Summer Picnic
Your company information will be displayed at the Picnic
Your company logo will appear on all advertising for the Picnic

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Kindly RSVP by Friday, August 9th
\$15 per person

Call the Chamber at 570-326-1971 or register online at
www.williamsport.org

(Note: No refunds can be issued unless cancellation is made 24 hours prior to the event).



Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Picnic



Join us
Wednesday, August 28th
4:30pm-7:00pm

Santino's Pine Creek Inn
5645 N. Route 44, Jersey Shore

Sponsored By:





Kindly RSVP by August 23rd

\$25 per person

Call the Chamber at 570-326-1971 or register online at www.williamsport.org
(Note: No refunds can be issued unless cancellation is made 24 hours prior to the event.)

Sponsorships Available!
\$200 sponsorship

Includes:

2 complimentary guests to the Summer Picnic
Company logo on all advertising and displayed at picnic.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Help us welcome the 16 teams as we celebrate their arrival to Williamsport for the 2019 Little League® World Series!

Pre-parade activities in downtown Williamsport begin at 4:00 pm. The parade officially steps off at 5:30 pm. Parade route runs from Susquehanna and West Fourth Streets proceeding east through the Millionaires' Row National Historic District and finishing at Market and West Fourth Streets in downtown Williamsport.



Come out and see Parade Grand Marshal, Hall of Fame Arizona Diamondback and Seattle Mariners Pitcher Randy Johnson along with many new parade entries. There will be numerous floats and bands from all over rounding out the festivities.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD | 5:00PM-9:00PM
DOWNTOWN WILLIAMSPORT

Join us in downtown Williamsport for the 10th Annual Williamsport Welcomes the World street festival. Live bands will be performing throughout the evening along with plenty of kids activities and food vendors. Downtown merchants will all be open offering special discounts with a pin.



Only 750 Williamsport Welcomes the World Pins will be available that evening with a \$5 purchase from participating merchants.



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