

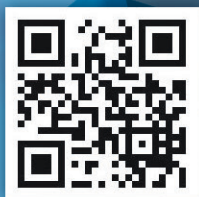
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From Jason's Desk

Jason Fink, President/CEO

It's May and I think we may finally be able to put away our snow shovels. Thought that last month too and was not doing cartwheels at the sight of snow on April 18 and 19. Looking ahead, we should hopefully not see snow until November or December. Time to officially get out the spring and summer gear to enjoy the great outdoors here in Lycoming County.

We had some great news delivered last month by Little League Baseball. The Little League World Series will be back in full earnest in time to celebrate the 75th Little League World Series. It's also the expansion year with the addition of 4 teams jumping the numbers up to 20 teams here to play and compete. Great times ahead and looking forward to all of what this spring and summer will bring us.

There was also some news brought on another front involving the levee system here in the greater Williamsport area. Unfortu-

nately, that wasn't as positive. Pricing for the work involving just the relief wells has escalated significantly with pricing coming in at over \$6m which is well over double what had been expected.

The levee is a key asset to Lycoming County. I get that it doesn't affect every resident and it's hard to appreciate if you don't live in the area that is directly protected by it. However, the key number that always resonates most with me is that roughly 80% of the commerce here in Lycoming County is protected by the levee system. That means you might not live in the area but you most likely work for or are employed by a business that does work for a business protected by the levee system.

There's been great coordination by the main players involved in getting the levee recertified with the Army Corps and FEMA. The County, City of Williamsport, South Williamsport, Loyalsock and

Old Lycoming are working together in putting the structure together to not only fix the current problems, but more importantly, establish a mechanism to ensure that we don't get into this position again.

One key, very recent, development to aid in providing financial resources, has come from Congressman Fred Keller. Keller has just submitted an appropriations request to provide \$8m in funding towards the work on the levee. This would go very far in helping to get the recertification completed.

This appropriations request is an example of how these types of funds should be allocated. Congressman Keller knows his district better than the bureaucrats in DC. He has historically looked upon this program with great trepidation because of prior uses of these funds. One doesn't need to go far in citing the "bridge to nowhere" in Alaska that was the death nail of the prior federal earmarks program back in 2011.

Congressman Keller's term will be ending at the end of 2022 with the redistricting taking place here in the Commonwealth. He committed, after the new districts were announced, to work each day on behalf of the constituents of the 12th Congressional District to the end. We're fortunate here in Lycoming County to have someone like Fred with the vision, drive and commitment to continue his work on projects like funding for the levee.

Chamber Breakfast features Congressman Fred Keller

The Chamber of Commerce held a Morning Member Connection breakfast recently at the Williamsport Country Club featuring Congressman Fred Keller who discussed current federal legislation and policy updates. Keller's topics included taxes, the federal budget, college debt, Ukraine, local AARP monies, the levee and more. Thank you to our sponsors, Allison Crane & Rigging, Highmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., and Stellant Systems, Inc.



16th Annual August 15

We are so excited to be accepting applications for the 16th Grand Slam Parade taking place in downtown Williamsport on Monday August 15. This year's parade will be even more special as we welcome 20 teams to Lycoming County and celebrate the 75th Little League World Series®.

If your business, non-profit or community group wants to participate, now's the time to apply. Applications are due June 1 and can be electronically submitted by going to:

www.grandslamparade.com

Businesses looking to be affiliated with the parade can download sponsorship and advertising information at the website. This year's parade will be broadcast live on **WBRE TV28. Get your name out to the local and regional community across the television airwaves.**

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The 2022 Lycoming County Visitors Guide is here!
If you would like to have your business receive the Lycoming County Visitors Guides, please contact Gina Edwards at 570-320-4208 or gedwards@williamsport.org.

Lycoming College Hosts PM Exchange



Thank you to Lycoming College for holding a PM Exchange at the Krapf Gateway Center. Attendees were welcomed to walk throughout the building and visit the many offices. They were treated to hors d'oeuvres and beverages from Lycoming College. Right, Amy Reyes, Assistant VP for Alumni Engagement, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Jen Rempe, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Development & Retention Committee.

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Small businesses are particularly good for local economies.

- For every \$100 spent at a small business, \$48 goes back into the local economy in which the business is located.
- If that same \$100 is spent at a big box store or national retailer, only \$14 makes it back to the local economy.

We encourage all Pennsylvania residents to take Small Business Week as an opportunity to support their favorite local businesses.

- Shop at your favorite store
- Eat at your favorite local restaurant
- Leave a positive review online for your favorite small businesses
- Talk about your favorite local small business on your social media accounts and like and share their social posts

Small businesses contribute to the culture and fabric of the communities in which they reside. They provide a sense of place and a local identity in addition to the economic benefit they bring.



Adelphoi Foster Care & Adoption Services Ribbon Cutting

Adelphoi celebrated a ribbon cutting and grand opening of their new location at 2010 Strouse Road, Williamsport. They are a private, non-profit agency, dedicated to providing a continuum of quality services to children, youth and families. (From l to r) James Haywood, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee; Kim Johnson, Foster Care Supervisor; Jessica Benninger, Family Recruiter; Amy Benner, Permanency Supervisor; Dave Hall, Program Director; Theresa Matson, Vice President – Community Based Services; Melanie Gresko, Recruitment & Family Development Supervisor; Elizabeth Vollman, Constituent Specialist; Senator Gene Yaw; Robin Klimke, Director of Foster Care and Permanency; and Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.



Brink's Welding & Fabrication Ribbon Cutting

Brink's Welding & Fabrication, LLC hosted their ribbon cutting on a sunny spring afternoon, celebrating their location at 1050 Broad Street, Suite 1, Montoursville. They are a versatile machining, fabrication, and welding shop that offers on-and-off-site mobile repair services. Experienced and expert craftspeople deliver innovative solutions at a low cost. (From l to r) Employees, Bryan Little, Jonathan Edmondson, William Little, Matthew Stahlnecker; Owner, Daniel Brink; Office Manager, Korin Dawes; Employees, Damian Fink, Grant Michael, Chad Evenden, and Michael Kile.



Celebrations Cakes and Confections Ribbon Cutting

Congratulations Celebrations Cakes and Confections on your ribbon cutting! The family-owned business is a boutique bakery specializing in custom cakes, cupcakes, and treats. The new storefront is located in the Aspen Square Plaza at 500 Pine Street, 7A, Williamsport. (From l to r) Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Don Smith, Deborah Smith, Samantha Eisner, Kenzie Eisner; Co-Owners, Jennifer Eisner & Tiffany Eisner; Alex Howard, and Mayor Derek Slaughter.



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May PM Exchanges...

Service 1st Federal Credit Union

Thursday, May 12, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 pm

814 Westminster Drive, Williamsport

It's 5 o'clock somewhere! Join your friends at Service 1st Federal Credit Union's Loyalsock Office, located at 814 Westminster Drive on May 12 at 5 pm! Together, we'll be celebrating Spring 2022 - luau-style! Bring your business card for a chance to win great door prizes!



UPMC

Thursday, May 26, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 pm

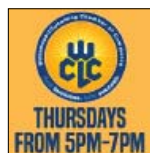
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787 State Route 87, Montoursville



Join UPMC at Herman & Luther's as they take you through a journey of Advancing Care Everywhere happening in the North Central PA region.

Upcoming PM Exchanges....



Eat & Run Catering & Restaurant - Thursday, June 9

Genetti Hotel - Thursday, June 23

National Range & Armory - Thursday, July 7

Watch for more information!

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or visit www.williamsport.org to make your reservations.

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

Leadership Lycoming's History & the Arts Day

The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2022 had their seventh Program Day; History and the Arts, beginning at the Community Theatre League. Hosts Adam Dincher, Class of 2021 and Eva Waldman, Class of 2021, welcomed the class and gave a little background of themselves to then introducing the first presentation; tour and presentation of the Community Theatre League by Andrée Phillips, Founder/Board Chair and Michelle Trotz, Associate Director of Advancement. Followed by a tour of Millionaires' Row by Tour Guide, Susan Kelly, to end at the Rowley House for a tour and presentation by Anthony H. Visco, Jr., Registered Architect/Owner, Anthony H. Visco, Jr. Architects.

From the Rowley House to the Thomas T. Taber Museum for a presentation on the History

of Lycoming County by Dr. John Piper, Retired Professor of History, Lycoming College. The class then moved on to a tour of the Pajama Factory by Mark Winkelman, Owner. Following the tour, the class was able to stay at the Pajama Factory for lunch by Ed's Market and a presentation by Liz White, Partner, with McCormick Law Firm.

The afternoon continued with a tour and presentation of the Community Arts Center, by Dr. Bill Martin, Community Arts Center Board Member. The class continued on to their last location at Muncy Bank Ballpark at Historic Bowman Field for a tour and presentation of the Williamsport Crosscutters, by Gabe Sinicropi, Vice President/Marketing & Public Relations, Williamsport Crosscutters. The final presentation of the day was on the

History of the Underground Railroad in Lycoming County by Karen Frock, Owner, Creekside Creatove-Media.

Thank you to our Tier 2 Sponsors, Chris Wallace, Keller Williams Advantage Realty and Herman & Luthers; Tier 2 Sponsor, Susquehanna Community Bank; and Tier 3 Sponsors, McCormick Law Firm and First National Bank! Thank you to hosts Adam Dincher and Eva Waldman. Special thank you to River Valley Transit for our transportation throughout the day. And thank you to Emily Ebersole, Marketing Coordinator, PALCO Federal Credit Union, Mike McCullen, Manager of Provider Relations, Geisinger, and Amber Roudabush, Lead Communications Specialist, UPMC Williamsport.

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Dr. Bill Martin gives a tour to the class at the Community Arts Center.



Susan Kelly, Guide for the Millionaires' Row tour, talks about the lumber era history.



Gabe Sinicropi walks the class around at the Muncy Bank Ballpark at Historic Bowman Field.



Dr. John Piper, local historian, talks to the class at the Thomas T. Taber Museum & Historical Society about the history of Lycoming County.



A Rowley House tour was given by Anthony H. Visco, Jr.

FEATURE MEMBER

The Bicycle Center helps cyclists of all levels

By **MIKE REUTHER**
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Many people come to The Bicycle Center with little idea of what particular bike they really want or need.

That's where Rick DeVito and his son, Devon, come in.

The two own and operate the business located on the hill behind McDonald's restaurant at 9 Main St., South Williamsport.

"We sell and repair bikes," Rick said. "We represent the Specialized (brand). They have four different bicycles in their line."

Some customers come to the shop for simple fixes or to buy their first bike.

"A customer may know exactly what he wants. Others don't. They have to understand where their money is going and what they are using the bike for," Rick said. "There are so many types of bikes. The wrong one can ruin your whole experience."

Rick said he strives to understand a customer's needs and expectations.

And, he tries to get to know the person..

As a longtime cyclist, he's seen how the industry has changed along with the plethora of information to be found about bikes.

"They (customers) can get overwhelmed," he said.

Customers, many who come to the store through word of mouth, range from the experienced cyclist who pedals many miles each and every day for exercise to the casual enthusiast.

"Some people come in and are looking for an alternative recreational pursuit," he said.

In recent years, he's seen more older people and retirees take up cycling.

He noted the many places in Lycoming County and the region ideal for cycling, from the Pine Creek Rails to Trails to the

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Rick DeVito, owner of The Bicycle Center, displays one of the bikes at the South Williamsport shop.

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FEATURE MEMBER

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small communities and their outlying areas.

"We got a lot of places to ride around here," he said.

Devon said, "This business is changing so fast. There has always been a core group of real enthusiasts, who ride many miles a day. Now you see older people putting in the miles. For these people, cycling is a lifetime sport."

A growing trend in cycling is the electric bike or e-bike, which uses an electric motor for propulsion.

"I sell e-bikes," Rick said. "We sell our share of them."

The e-bikes are very popular among older cyclists and allow users to still pedal and undergo a good exercise or workout, if that is what they seek.

"During COVID, everyone wanted a bike," Rick said. "They wanted to get out. We always have a hope that anyone who buys a bike is a repeat customer."

In addition to bikes, the shop sells various related cycling products such as helmets, gloves, shorts, shoes, bicycle car racks, and locks.

Rick noted Devon represents the fourth generation of his family involved in the business which traces its origins to 1928.

Passion, knowledge and experience are what they bring to their business.

"You better love bicycles," Rick said. "We aren't in it for the money or the glory."



Devon Devito, owner, works on a bike at The Bicycle Center at 9 Main St., South Williamsport.

MIKE REUTHER/Sun-Gazette

LEGACY MEMBER

Local law firm has deep roots in region

By C. D. Smith

Sun-Gazette Correspondent

McCormick Law Firm, 835 W. 4th St, has provided general counsel to the central Pennsylvania area for over 150 years.

The firm has called The Emery House, a Victorian-style mansion built in 1888, home since 1974. A 1600 square-foot expansion was completed in 1988, with a smaller expansion in 2020. The last McCormick left the firm in the 1980s, and in 1996 the firm officially became McCormick Law Firm.

“We are the oldest continuously existing firm in north central Pennsylvania to the best of our knowledge. We don’t know of anyone who has been around longer,” said attorney J. David Smith.

Fast-forward to the present, and the firm is thriving and structured for transition with a mix of older, mid-career and younger attorneys.

“We have been in continuous existence for 160 years and we’re expecting that we will go at least 160 more,” said Smith.

When it comes to working in this community, attorney Joanne Ludwowski said the camaraderie of the attorneys in this area is somewhat unique.

“We can battle in the courtroom and then have lunch later,” said Ludwowski.

She added that it is not unusual for her to call another local attorney when she has an unusual situation to get their take on it.

“I don’t know that you can get that everywhere,” said Ludwowski.

Smith echoed Ludwowski’s sentiments that the lawyers in this area are very collegial, even though they are zealous advocates for their clients in the courtroom.

The firm, which is currently made up of 13 attorneys, is a general practice law firm with specialized areas of focus. Ludwowski practices workers’ compensation law and Smith practices litigation and municipal law.

Smith said other lawyers in the firm specialize in areas such as representing banks and businesses in commercial transactions, municipal and school law, employment law, medical malpractice defense, intellectual property such as patents and copyrights, real estate and elder law. In addition, they act as general counsel for a variety of corporations, both for profit and not-for-profit. The firm is the solicitor for many municipal entities, school districts, authorities, and colleges.

“We do probably everything that you would expect a general practice firm in an area of this size to do,” said Smith.

When the firm had to close its doors two years ago due to the pandemic and everyone found themselves working from home, Ludwowski admits there was initially a lot of anxiety.

“With the help of our amazing business manager and some of our other tech-savvy people, we were able to keep everyone employed and we are super proud of that,” said Ludwowski.

The firm was able to continue servicing all of their clients,



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Attorneys J. David Smith, left, and Joanne Ludwowski stand in front of McCormick Law Firm at 835 W. Fourth St.

manage phone calls and emails, stay up on litigation, and keep the cases moving to their clients’ satisfaction.

“I am very proud of how McCormick Law Firm went through the pandemic as a group,” said Ludwowski.

Like many area businesses, Smith said that one day they were in the office and then over the weekend they were shut down.

“We had incredible support from our staff. Our paralegals and our assistants kept us on track,” said Smith.

The firm’s community involvement ranges from coaching youth to serving on non-profit boards. The firm has also been a strong supporter of Leadership Lycoming and sent several people through the program with the intent of getting them trained in leadership roles and out into the

community. Every one of their new lawyers is strongly encouraged to get into something community-minded.

Smith said he knows the public perception of lawyers may not be high. He wants people to know that while they are professionals, they are also neighbors and friends.

They love serving this community and the people and institutions in it.

Boom City Brewery honors 'lumber capital' tradition

By MARK MARONEY
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A downtown Williamsport restaurant's interior design, menu and specialty drinks are a homage to the city's history as Lumber Capital of the World.

Boom City Brewery, 317 Pine St., was named by co-owners William Fredo and Mark Lorson in honor of the Susquehanna Boom, the series of barriers in the West Branch of the Susquehanna River composed of a chain of floating logs enclosing other free-floating logs, typically used to catch floating debris or to obstruct passage.

Lumber is the prevalent theme at Boom City along with earthy tones in the interior of the restaurant, which also features several microbrews that remind those taking a sip about the rich history.

Such beers include the Last Raft, Raspberry Wheat, the Muddy River Black Porter, and the Pine Street Ale (Light Beer), Fredo said.

Staff serve eight house brews on tap daily along with Pennsylvania wines from Shade Mountain Winery, state ciders, and liquors.

"All of the alcohol in-house, whether it's moonshine or bourbon, is distilled within two hours of the restaurant," Fredo said.

Sources of their food items on the menu are obtained as much as possible from local farmers, growers and meat suppliers. "When in season," he said.

The expansion of the restaurant to a former ice cream shop space now provides room for a 40-person private banquet area. Soon, the restaurant will have a second outdoor seating area, bringing seating capacity to 75 patrons. The additional patio should be opened by early summer, Fredo said.

Boom City Brewery also caters to sports lovers with five, 60-inch TV's for viewing.

For entertainment, Boom City Brewery has live music with bands perform-



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Boom City Brewing Co. is located at 317 Pine St. and has outdoor seating available for customers to try some house brewed beers.

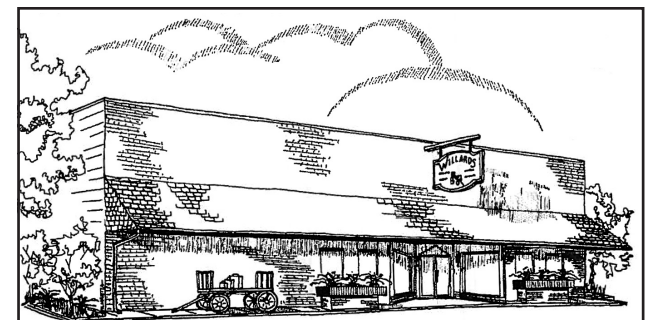
ing every Friday and Saturday night and karaoke on Wednesday's open mic night.

Boom City Brewery is open daily at 11 a.m. for lunch and dinner until around 10 or 11 p.m. on weekdays. Fridays and Saturdays tend to go a little later, with closing around 1 a.m.

It's a must-stop, especially for visitors to the city during the Little League World Series and other events and, of course, the staff love the regulars and loyal customers.



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NEW MEMBER

'Quality is key' at Willard's Saddlery, Inc.

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Willard's Saddlery, Inc. on 825 Westminster Drive in Williamsport has been providing customers with unique and lasting products for 125 years.

A family run business, the store is owned and operated by Ron and Sue Quigel, and their two daughters Elsa Quigel and Amy See.

The business has expanded over many years while maintaining the promise of providing quality items.

Willard's offers a wide selection of products and goods including quality leather items; handbags, wallets, belts, boots, jackets, backpacks, laptop bags and luggage.

They also carry jewelry, fragrances, unique gifts and more.

"Quality is the key. For example, the men's and ladies' leather wallets. They last, they're a good quality product. I think that's how we have been able to stay for so long. That, and good customer service," said Sue Quigel, owner of Willard's Saddlery.

The store carries well-known brands, such as Brighton, Inis, Filson, Frye, John Medeiros, Minnetonka, Stormy Kromer, Tory Leather, Pendleton, and Vera Bradley.

"We try to stick with brand names. American made as much as possible. Good reputable companies," said owner Ron Quigel.

One of the family's favorite aspects of owning a business is the connections they have been able to make over the years with new and returning customers.

"We have a nice community. We've become family friends with a lot of the customers. We have good relationships. Different generations come in. It's nice," said Amy See.

"Most of our customers we've gotten to know as friends because usually if somebody comes in once, they will come back again. Over the years we just get to know our customers," Sue said.

The shop maintains relationships with customers both local and out of the area.

"Customers that don't live in the area, whenever they come to town for reunions or weddings will almost always stop in. They come in because they've remembered our store and they remember the quality," Ron mentioned.

"I enjoy all the customers. People make a point to shop locally," Elsa Quigel said.

At Willard's Saddlery, providing good customer service means going above and beyond for their shoppers.

"We offer gift wrapping and monogramming, layaway



PHOTO PROVIDED

Above is a historic photo of Willard's Saddlery, Inc.

and delivery, Special Orders. So I think that means a lot too. If you buy a good leather product here, it's an investment. We take care of what we sell," Sue said.

Willard's Saddlery was founded in 1897 as a saddle and harness shop. To conform to the changing of times, the business expanded into other types of leather items.

In 1968, the business came under new owners, Willard and Jane Snyder, Sue's parents.

Keeping the business in the family, it was then eventually purchased by Ron and Sue and has been at their present location for 50 years.

The family enjoys running the business together, as well as getting to see each other each day.

"We agree on the basics of the store, the values of the business," according to Sue.

"We're a good, close family," said Ron.

"It's great. Who gets to say that they get to see their family every day?" Elsa replied.

The store is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To browse the store's inventory or find out more information, visit <http://www.willardssaddlery.com/> or find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/willards.saddlery>.

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LEDf Provides \$1m Loan to Chance Aluminum for New Equipment Financing

Chance Aluminum continues to reinvest in former JW plant in Williamsport with target to hire 100 local people

The Lycoming Economic Development Foundation is pleased to announce the successful closure of a \$1m loan package to Chance Aluminum located at 2475 Trenton Avenue, Williamsport. Chance Aluminum will be utilizing the loan proceeds to assist with the purchase of new manufacturing equipment to enhance their operations.

Chance Aluminum purchased the former JW Aluminum plant in July 2021. They re-opened the plant and began aluminum production in November 2021. At the time of the closure, JW Aluminum employed 65 people. Chance Aluminum is in the process now of hiring 100 people at the local plant.

"We would like to thank the Lycoming Foundation Team and Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce that worked diligently together to close the loan. We are very grateful for the trust and investment LEDf bestowed on Chance Aluminum. This loan is an instrumental resource for Chance Aluminum team's mission – to revive and expand the Williamsport facility and grow together with the Lycoming County community," shared Ying Jiang, Vice President of Personnel and Public Relations.

We are excited to be working with Chance Aluminum as they work to bring back operations at the former JW plant on Trenton

Avenue. Jack Cheng and his team at Chance Aluminum have already shown a commitment to the community in their efforts to hire 100 people at their plant. We anticipate that this is only a start for them and look forward to their growth in becoming a key employer here in Lycoming County," stated Peter Bower, LEDf Loan Committee member.

The LEDf is a non-profit corporation organized on June 7, 1955. Its sole purpose is to promote the economic, commercial and industrial welfare and employment of Lycoming County.

It is committed to offering only the highest quality professional ser-

vice to their clients. Over the past 60 years, they have built a reputation of offering honest, ethical and thorough service. Their customers are always treated with respect and professionalism throughout the loan process.

LEDf will consider loans ranging from \$100k up to \$1m for Lycoming County industrial and commercial projects that provide economic enhancement to the community. For more information about the LEDf, go to www.lycomingedf.com.



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Thank you to our renewing members!

We do appreciate your membership and involvement in the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce!

First Year Renewals

Brick Mill Craft Furniture
Coles Coffee - Crafts & Consignment
Intentional AdVennTures, LLC
Iron Associates, Inc.
Lycoming Lawn and Garden LLC
Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.

Members 2 - 5 Years

All Excavating & Paving
Antiques & Moore/Starving Marvin Tack Store
Consolidated Call Center Services
Edward Jones - David Tanney

Members 2 - 5 Years Cont'd

Leighton Place Senior Living
Masters Excavating LLC
Miller Financial Strategies - Raymond James
PJ Beiter Coins
Sweep A Lot, LLC
The Peter Herdic House

Members 6 - 10 Years

Candlewood Suites
Kilburn Electric, Inc.
McQuaide Blasko Law Firm
TownePlace Suites by Marriott
Wyrope Williamsport Federal Credit Union

Members 11 - 20 Years

Auto Trakk, LLC
City Hall Grand Hotel, LLC
Eagle Construction Company
Eureka Resources
Family Promise of Lycoming County, Inc.
FASTSIGNS, Inc.
Morgan Stanley
Nittany Mountain KOA Campground
OPTiMO Information Technology LLC
Pajama Factory
Susquehanna Computer Innovations, Inc.

Member 21 - 30 Years

Cruise Planners
First National Bank
Lycoming County SPCA

Members 31 - 45 Years

Giant Food Store
Williamsport Municipal Water Authority -
Williamsport Sanitary Authority
Woolrich Inc.

Members 46 - 65 Years

Faxon Bowling Lanes, Inc.
Spitler Funeral Home, Inc.

Ribbon Cutting & Open House - Skills of Central PA

227 Academy Street, Williamsport
Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Ribbon Cutting 4:00 PM | Open House 4:30-5:30 PM

New Program! Hear from CEO Val Barner, COO Chris Knarr & Director Jillian Park.
Meet our friendly staff & take a tour of the facility while you enjoy light refreshments & informational handouts.

20 Years in Business Ribbon Cutting & Open House - PRN Home Health Services

2134 West Fourth Street, Williamsport
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 | Ribbon Cutting 2:00 PM
Live Radio Broadcast 1:00-3:00 PM

We are a home health agency that provides skilled and non-skilled services to home health clients. Enjoy food, drinks & cake while you meet our friendly staff.

Upcoming Events!



MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH

RAIN DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

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Celebrate the Graduation of the Leadership Lycoming Class of 2022

Thursday, June 9, 2022

11:00am-12:30pm—Registration-10:30am

Herman & Luther's, 787 State Route 87, Montoursville

Program will be held in the beautiful outdoor tent.



Mikayla Arnold, Little League International
Alyssa Black, Camp Susque
Nicole Bower, American Rescue Workers
Drew Boyles, Lycoming College
Kaylee Caruso, Larson Design Group
Emily Drick, River Valley Health & Dental Center
Emily Ebersole, PALCO Federal Credit Union
Jae Ellison, Lycoming College
Audriana Empet, Pennsylvania College of Technology
Chris Erdman, UPMC Williamsport
Shameka Gray, Transitional Living Centers, Inc.
Emily Helm, Lycoming Engines
Trip Kemp, Restek
Angelique Labadie-Cihanowyz, Sojourner Truth Ministries

Carolyn Lakis, Hope Enterprises, Inc.
Olivia Lopatofsky, Lycoming County Water and Sewer
Matt Martin, UPMC Muncy
Mike McCullen, Geisinger
Zachary Mihalov, Lycoming Engines
Brandy Moon, North Central Sight Services, Inc.
Kevin Newman, The Muncy Bank & Trust
Renee Peluso, BLaST Intermediate Unit 17
Maria Rau, International Development Corporation
Heather Reeder, YWCA of Northcentral PA
Kevin Renchan, James V. Brown Library
Amber Roudabush, UPMC Williamsport
Heather Wood, Lycoming/Canton Joinder Board Programs
Josh Wrench, Pennsylvania College of Technology

To register, call 570-326-1971 or online at www.williamsport.org. \$25 per person.

Registrations are required by June 6.

