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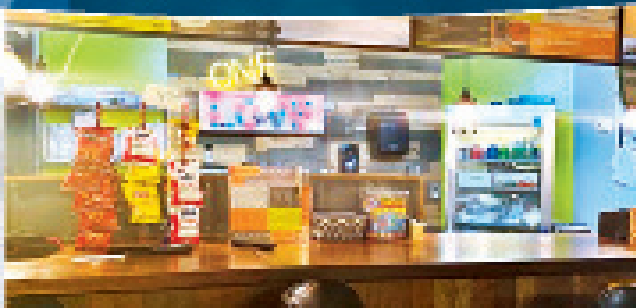
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# From Jason's Desk

Jason Fink, President/CEO

June is here and it's already starting to feel more like summer. It's my favorite time of the year to be outside enjoying the warm weather and the multitude of activities we have to enjoy here in our community. One thing that I have already noticed is that it looks like we're going to have an ugly season of the gypsy moth caterpillars. It's been a number of years since I've seen them like this and do not look forward to the decimation that they do to our forests.

With it being June, we see a flurry of activity in Harrisburg between the legislature and Governor in trying to finalize the budget by June 30. Everything at this moment appears to be on track to see them get it accomplished. We're sitting in a solid financial picture which is good to see given how challenging the past few years have been on the economy. Hopefully, we'll see some thought to ensure that whatever lies ahead for us in the coming year, we put funding aside to keep from having a tax increase in 2023.

One area that has been a challenge for the business community for many years has been Pennsylvania's Corporate Net Income Tax rate. At 9.99 percent, Pennsylvania has the unfortunate

distinction of having the highest non-graduated Corporate Net Income Tax rate in the country, which serves as a major barrier to economic growth. This issue, which has seen growing bipartisan support over the past several months, has been a top priority of the state's broad-based business community as a great way to improve Pennsylvania's overall competitiveness.

In his 2022-23 budget proposal, Gov. Tom Wolf also called for an immediate rate reduction to 7.99 percent with a gradual reduction in the rate over the course of 5 years. Proposals have been introduced in both the state Senate and House of Representatives that would lower the Commonwealth's CNI Tax rate.

As lawmakers and the Wolf administration negotiate the coming year's spending plan, the business community is urging a material reduction in the CNI Tax rate be included in the final compromise. The Chamber has joined with over 40 other Chambers of Commerce across Pennsylvania to encourage the legislature to get this done for the upcoming budget. The letter noted that with the Commonwealth at a critical juncture in recovering from the pandemic and

setting the course for a bright, bold economic future, the benefits of a CNI reduction go far beyond attracting new business and investment. Studies have shown that a decrease in the CNI tax rate would increase GDP, boost wages, increase home values, create family sustaining jobs and attract and retain new talent.

Our abundant natural resources and prime location provide Pennsylvania with the opportunity to be a dynamic economic powerhouse among states, yet we continue to experience outward migration and lag behind. The excessively high CNI puts us at a competitive disadvantage, acting as a roadblock to attracting new talent and new business opportunities while stifling investment and economic growth.

We have seen not only missed opportunities and countless jobs lost as businesses look to locate in their towns, but ultimately choose to locate elsewhere due to Pennsylvania's excessively high CNI.

This isn't something that we're immune to here in Lycoming County. We've heard over the years from manufacturers here in the county that were being considered among other plants for an expansion, that corporate chose to

go elsewhere with the primary reason being Pennsylvania's CNI. Site consultants who are leading projects for industry have also told it to us. They like everything that we have to offer, but just can't justify locating the project here due to our CNI.

The Commonwealth is at a critical juncture as we work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. We need to help move our economy forward in the right direction by seeing passed a material reduction in the CNI. This needs to be done though without demanding objectionable tax policy changes that would diminish the benefits of a rate reduction, such as ceding near limitless

subjective taxing authority to our Department of Revenue. The role of taxation is the function of our elected officials and not the role of the bureaucracy.

We can no longer afford to lose our precious talent and billions of dollars in new business investment to other more competitive states.



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# May PM Exchanges/Ribbon Cuttings/FBLA

## Service 1st Federal Credit Union Hosts PM Exchange



*Congratulations to Service 1st Federal Credit Union for hosting a PM Exchange on a wonderful spring evening. Attendees were treated to a luau themed event with music, a photo booth, great networking and great food and beverages. Accepting the Certificate of Appreciation is Stephanie Shuman, Member Service Rep, Mary Jo Martin, Assistant Vice President, Dawn Cool and Sara Devinney, Member Service Reps. Thanks for a great evening!*

## Montoursville & Jersey Shore Chambers celebrate FBLA



*The Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce recognized three graduating seniors from the Jersey Shore Area Senior High School who participated in Future Business Leaders of America. The winners are selected based on their GPA, number of years in FBLA and an essay. Senator Yaw spoke to the students about growing up in rural Pennsylvania and how he arrived at his position at the capitol. Thank you to both Senator Yaw and Representative Hamm for providing legislative updates. (From l to r) Representative Joe Hamm, JSAHS FBLA Advisor, Dolly Oden; 3rd place winner, John Summerson; 1st place winner, Alexa Greevy; 2nd place winner, Sophia Kauffman and Senator Gene Yaw.*



*The Montoursville Chamber of Commerce celebrated this year's winner of the Future Business Leaders of America essay contest on May 17 at Herman & Luther's. Abigail McLaughlin, a senior at Montoursville Area High School, won a \$500 scholarship towards her college education at Pittsburgh University. PA State Rep. Joe Hamm provided a legislative update and reminded us all to get out and vote in the primary election. (From l to r) Taryn Mueller, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Representative Joe Hamm; Abigail McLaughlin; Trey Phillips, Montoursville Chamber of Commerce Chair; and Todd Badger, River Valley Regional YMCA.*

## Skills of Central PA Ribbon Cutting



*Congratulations Skills of Central PA, Inc. on your ribbon cutting at 227 Academy Street, Williamsport. Skills of Central PA provides services and support to people with mental health challenges and intellectual/developmental disabilities. (from l to r) Elizabeth Vollman, Senator Gene Yaw's office; Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Christine, program participant; Nathan, friend of program participant; Khaleema Johnson, Nurse Navigator; Drew, program participant; Lyndsie Peterson, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Specialist; Steph Hanley, Associate Director of Psychiatric Rehabilitation; Jillian Parks, Regional Director of Psychiatric Rehabilitation; Kay Betar, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Worker; James Haywood, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee; Val Barner, CEO; Chris Knarr, COO; Laura Gardner, Clinical Administrator.*

## UPMC Hosts PM Exchange



*Thank you to UPMC for hosting a great PM Exchange at Herman & Luther's. It was a great way to learn more about UPMC and healthcare. Accepting the Certificate of Appreciation (l to r), Vwaire Orhurhu, MD, MPH; Whoon Jong Kil, MD; Ronald Campbell, MD; Patti Jackson-Gehris, President of UPMC; Matt Custer, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee; Mohamed Osman, MD; Abdalla Sholi, MD; Kari Kurtz, Community Relations Manager.*



# Welcome New Chamber Members!

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Call Taryn Mueller at (570) 320-4209  
or apply online at: [www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org)

## June PM Exchanges...

### Eat & Run Catering & Restaurant

Thursday, June 9, 2022  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

1000 Commerce Park Drive, Williamsport

Join your fellow Chamber members at Eat & Run Catering & Restaurant at Water Tower Square for an evening of delicious food, drinks, music and great friends. Eat & Run Catering would love to help you with your event, big or small. Come see how they can cater to you!



### Genetti Hotel & Suites

Thursday, June 23, 2022  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

200 West Fourth Street, Williamsport

Celebrate Genetti Hotel's 100th Year Anniversary with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music in the Garden/Terrace Ballroom and Windows on the 4th Street Restaurant. Enjoy a Speakeasy in the bar, hotel tours, period costumes & cars and a photo booth in the lobby. Enjoy dessert stations and coffee/cordials in the Grand Ballroom with the WAHS Millionaire String Quartet. At 6pm, hear comments by Gus Genetti, Joe Fisher and Kathy Taylor, followed by a film of the Lycoming/Genetti Hotel. Enjoy live music, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails through 7:30pm!

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## Member Renewals

Received between April 29 and May 26, 2022



### Thank you to our renewing members!

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

#### First Year Renewals

Aly's Monkey Movement  
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#### Members 2 - 5 Years

Camp Victory  
Ciocca Dealerships  
Cornerstone Insurance  
Joe's Pizza & Restaurant Inc.  
RoseBird Veterinary Center  
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& Pizzeria

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#### Members 6 - 10 Years

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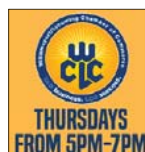
#### Members 34 - 35 Years

Price Optical Lucas Contact Lens  
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#### Members 58 Years

Logue Industries, Inc.

### Upcoming PM Exchanges....



National Range & Armory - Thursday, July 7

Fulton Bank - Thursday, July 21

LIFE Lycoming, Albright Care Services - Thursday, August 4

Grampian Hills Apartments - Thursday, September 8

Watch for more information!

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



# Leadership Lycoming's Environment & Energy Day

The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2022 had their final program day; Environment & Energy, beginning at the Lycoming County Landfill and Recycling Facilities. Hosts Tracie Witter, Class of 1995 and Sherry Paulhamus, Class of 2013 welcomed the class and introduced themselves and the presenters. The class met with Michael Hnatin and Donny Hassenplug, Lycoming County Resource Management Services.

The class took a River Valley Transit bus from the landfill to the

Hamilton Patriot Power Plant for a tour and presentation by Sean Davis, Plant Manager.

The students at the East Lycoming CTC program welcomed the class for their three course lunch prepared by the students of the culinary arts program, led by Brian Anstadt.

Following a very crowd pleasing lunch, the class was able to tour the boiler room and solar farm for the East Lycoming School District by Michael Pawlik, Superinten-

dent and Tim George, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

The day ended at the Penn State Extension, by first hearing a presentation by Tracie Witter, Regional Affairs Director, PPL Electric Utilities on an overview of PPL and their environmental initiatives.

Following the PPL presentation, was a presentation and tour of the Garden at Penn State Extension by Jean Hammond, Coordinator/Master Gardeners of Lycoming

County.

Thank you to our sponsors PPL Electric Utilities, Range Resources, Lamar Advertising, and IBG Business. A special thank you to River Valley Transit for the transportation throughout the day. Thank you to our class reporters, Zach Mihalov, Senior Design Engineer, Lycoming Engines and Jae Ellison, Director of Outdoor Leadership & Education, Lycoming College.

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East Lycoming School District Superintendent Mike Pawlik, talks to the class about their solar farm.



The class toured the gardens at Penn State Extension.



The Class of 2022 visited the Lycoming County landfill.

## 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.

To register, call 570-326-1971 or online at [www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org).  
\$25 per person. Registrations are required by June 6.

## Ribbon Cutting's and Open Houses

### PRN Home Health Services

2134 West Fourth St, Williamsport

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 | Ribbon Cutting 2:00 PM

Live Radio Broadcast 1:00-3:00 PM

### **20 Years in Business!**

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.

### Tag's Take Out & Italian Specialty Store

1116 Market Street, Williamsport

Friday, June 17, 2022 | Ribbon Cutting 4:00 PM, Open House 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Weekly Special and Main Menu Items available for purchase at the event.

\* Tag's Chicken Marsala with Side Spaghetti

\* Tag's Gnocchi & Meatballs

\* Tag's Chicken Parmesan with Side Spaghetti

Join us to sample the above specials!

### Kathy's Cafe

21 South Main Street, Hughesville

Friday, June 24, 2022 | Ribbon Cutting 4:00 PM, Open House 4:30 - 6:00 PM

### **20 Year Anniversary Celebration**

Enjoy delicious samples of tasty treats and celebrate with the friendly staff!

# FEATURE MEMBER

## Quality Air Mechanical celebrates 20 years

By **MIKE REUTHER**  
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Quality Air Mechanical, Inc. was launched in 2002 by Jimmy Pryor, Thomas Waldman, and Paul Gray.

In the past 20 years, it has grown from its humble origins operating out of a home.

"We are a full-service department running 24/7," Pryor said.

A fleet of vehicles manned by heating and air conditioning technicians and plumbers are ready to service commercial, industrial and residential customers.

In 2020, Quality Air Mechanical moved from its longtime site in South Williamsport to more spacious quarters at 76 Terminal Road, Montoursville.

"This is better for us," Pryor said. "We have more room here. It's allowed us to do things we couldn't do before."

The plumbing and HVAC contracting business services customers all over the state, according to Pryor.

And, keeping those customers well-served and satisfied has been key to the company's growth.

With longtime employees on board, the business has managed to build up trust and loyalty too.

"We don't have big turnover with manpower," Pryor said.

Employees have included those trained in technical



A Quality Air Mechanical employee works on a compressor

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# FEATURE MEMBER

## Quality Air Mechanical celebrates 20 years

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programs at Pennsylvania College of Technology and Triangle Tech.

"We do a lot of in-house training," he added.

The COVID-19 pandemic presented its share of hurdles for the business.

"We took a lot of precautions," Pryor said. "It was definitely a challenging time, but we got through it."

Like many businesses, Quality Air Mechanical faces issues with obtaining materials and supplies in the same timely fashion as it did pre-pandemic.

"We are working through it," he said.

In the meantime, the business is growing.

Pryor said he decided to start the business with his partners after concluding he could provide a better service.

At the time, he was working in the industry for another company.

"We had three vans out of a two-car garage out of Thomas' (Waldman) house," he said. "We were strictly an HVAC service. But one thing led to another."

Since those days, the company has, in his words, been "on an uphill trajectory."

Pryor has learned that it's important to keep up with the changes in the ever-evolving industry.

Operating and owning a business, he conceded, has its challenges, an all-consuming affair of tracking and executing operations, and dealing with unexpected occurrences.

But Pryor apparently is doing what he was meant to do.

"I've been in his trade since 1992," he said. "I like it."

In 2019, Quality Air Mechanical earned a Williamsport Sun-Gazette Readers' Choice Award.



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The staff of Quality Air Mechanical pose for a group photo in front of one of their work vans.

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# LEGACY MEMBER

## Jersey Shore: Small community with big plans and heart

By **MARK MARONEY**  
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Retaining its small-town atmosphere, which has not always been the formula for success in some communities, Jersey Shore Borough continues to evolve and for residents and visitors that is for the better, says its borough manager Cody Hoover.

"If I had two words to describe the borough, it would be civic and community-minded," he said.

"The borough has been a member of the Williamsport-Lycoming County Chamber for over 25 years," he said.

For Hoover, being involved with the chamber and the chamber with the borough is a valued mutual partnership.

Regularly, either a member of the borough administration, and a member of council represents the borough at chamber meetings, he said.

That partnership can't be overlooked and should be encouraged by other municipalities and entities, he said.

For example, the borough is encouraging residential growth to strengthen its tax base.

It is looking for economic opportunities. The borough also has a continuing transportation improvement plan and has the Thompson Rec Field improvement plan.

"We work closely with the local chamber and in Williamsport in regards to finding economic opportunity," Hoover said.

The chamber helps the borough by assisting it in the search for grant opportunities, he said.

"Our transportation plan is under development and includes a connection of the Pine Creek Rails

to Trails to the downtown," Hoover said.

From downtown to Porter Township, a bicycle and pedestrian trail will eventually lead to Lock Haven and the river trail to the picturesque Pine Creek Valley, he said.

"We, as a borough, are in a strategic location," Hoover said.

The borough also is seeking funds for updating Thompson Recreation Field. A project of \$800,000 including a new playground, basketball court, and soccer field. The update includes a walking trail and a paved parking lot using American Rescue Plan funds and Act 13 or natural gas impact fee.

"We want the park to serve the community for the next 30 to 40 years," Hoover said.

West Pharmaceutical, a major employer, is looking to expand its facility.

"We are working with them, as is the chamber," he said. The Wheeland Center was sold to West Pharmaceutical and the chamber helped facilitate that process, he said.

Jersey Shore Town Meeting is a private organization that holds its own special Independence Day celebration each July.

There are other organizations such as Autumn at the Shore, charities that are done by the Lions Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Moose and Elks clubs and many churches and civic-minded, pro-community-oriented organizations and individuals.

Borough streets and parks are maintained by the highway crew and the community organizations help beautify the borough.

"We did a plastic reclamation



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Community members line the streets of Jersey Shore for a parade downtown.

for a free bench," Hoover said.

The YMCA is a big draw in town as are the many private restaurants including Arby's, whose crew planted flowers at Veterans Park, Hoover said.

Any successful effort is a combination of municipal, community, organization, churches and civic-minded borough residents, he said.

The Borough Council consists of individuals with that mindset.

Minutes are posted transparently on the borough web page and the borough started a Facebook account to notify of events, roadwork and emergencies.

An online newsletter was released on Facebook and added a Borough Manager coroner, where Hoover selects a topic or discusses a project that is being worked on.

The borough office's doors are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As for safety, the borough has its own regional Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department with a 13-officer force to protect and serve and two fire companies — Citizen Hose and Independent Hose Co.

These public safety professionals and volunteers are responsible, responsive and take part in pa-

rades and special events serving the community.

Most recently, the police force sponsored a fishing derby and handed fishing poles out to the kids, Hoover said.

"You can't say Jersey Shore without mentioning the Bulldogs, the mascot of the Jersey Shore Area School District.

The Bulldogs were the most recent state champions in football, he said.

"We have an old-time, small-town feel," he said. "That is slowly slipping away in some communities but Jersey Shore has captured it."



# SMALL BUSINESS

## Good food and good fun at The Ritz Complex

By C.D. Smith

Sun-Gazette Correspondent

As a Muncy resident, Royce Eyer would frequently drive past the abandoned building that was once The Ritz Theatre located at 9 N. Main St., Muncy.

With three school-age children of his own who were active in sports, Eyer thought the space would be perfect for a kid-friendly venue that allowed them to play and be kids.

It is something he had been looking into and was keeping an eye out for a suitable space. That is how the historic theater got a second chance as The Ritz Complex, a multifunctional space that offers a café and juice bar, a sportsplex and a reception center.

The café is open 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for lunch and serves light fare including sandwiches, wraps, salads, smoothies and juice. The café is the former concession stand area of the movie theater and was expanded and walled off. The wood trim in the café is repurposed from the original theater floor. This summer, Eyer plans to offer soft-serve ice cream at the window with evening hours.

The old theater area features batting cages, wrestling, and a regulation size basketball hoop and can be booked for two and three hour weekend birthday parties that include kickball, dodgeball, basketball, corn hole and Nerf gun battles. Batting cages can be booked by appointment. In winter, several sports teams use the space for practice.

The space can be transformed into a formal reception area that can comfortably fit 150 people for weekend weddings, reunions, baby

showers and business meetings.

The old projector room on the second floor has a foosball table and arcade games and also affords parents a birds-eye-view of their kids at play.

The Ritz Theatre originally opened in 1921. The theater had a brief stint as a concert venue in 2007, before returning to a full-time movie theatre in 2009 until it closed in 2014. Royce purchased the property in October 2018 and after extensive renovations, officially opened in August 2019.

Eyer and his brother did the majority of the renovations themselves, which involved removing the seats, replacing the floor level, and drywalling the entire space, which had no insulation or studs behind the curtains.

The COVID pandemic shut down all non-essential business just six months after The Ritz Complex opened. Word had just started to get out that they were open and birthday parties had started to pick up. Eyer said even once they could reopen, social distancing does not work with birthday parties and they were lucky to survive.

“Most of our business then changed to take-out,” said Eyer.

Eyer feels that COVID has changed the industry as a whole because nowadays there are much more takeout orders than sit-down customers.

The birthday parties have resumed, as have requests for formal events such as weddings and baby showers.

Eyer is a former athletic director for Hughesville and wrestling coach for Lycoming College. He would eventually like to use his coaching experience and add sports camps and clinics to his services at the complex. For now, he



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**The Ritz Complex, above, is located at 9 N Main St., Muncy. The business took over the space of the former Ritz Theatre, which was opened in 1921.**

feels the weekend birthday parties are his focus, because it is for the kids.

“I find that kids play like they used to play when I was a kid when they are here,” said Eyer. “It’s more of active play — dodgeball, kickball, playing basketball — kids being kids ... and that is what I am trying to promote with birthday parties.”

Eyer owns his own advertising business as well and said the best thing about running small businesses in a community like Muncy is that everyone knows you and you get a lot of local support.

“It’s more personable, I think that’s an advantage of being a small town,” said Eyer.

Eyer hopes that the word continues to spread that they have

great food and offer birthday parties and formal events at affordable prices.

“Stop in for lunch, we have pretty good food, and book your birthday party,” said Eyer.

The Ritz Complex can be reached at 570-431-3131 and more information can be found at [theritzcomplex.com](http://theritzcomplex.com) or The Ritz Complex on Facebook.

# NEW MEMBER

## Rich Port Adventure Company gets you outside

**BETHANY BARRETT**

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Rich Port Adventure Company, based in Muncy, is a mobile outfitter that offers convenient services for outdoor adventures.

The company, owned by Orlando Rodriguez, of Muncy, began in 2022 as a kayak rental.

The company has continued to expand, now offering kayaking, paddle boarding, kayak fishing, tubing, mountain biking, hiking shuttles and electric bikes. There are rentals and guided tours available.

The company also offers its own unique line of stand-up paddle boards, becoming Pennsylvania's first and only paddle board brand.

"It's been awesome. There's so much out here. The Pennsylvania Wilds has the biggest piece of public land between New York and Chicago. We have such massive outdoor recreational spaces. There's beautiful lakes and rivers. So that's what kind of inspired me to do it. Let's give (people) something to do," said Orlando Rodriguez, owner of Rich Port Adventure Company.

They have also expanded with more available pick up and drop off points — now having locations in Williamsport, Watons town, Muncy and Hills Grove.

Rodriguez first got the idea for a rental service in 2020, when outdoor equipment and services became more in demand.

"There's definitely been a push for people getting outdoors and outdoor recreation. Also for supporting local businesses instead of going into these big chain stores. We've seen a lot of the support locally. The community has been really excited about what we're doing," Rodriguez said.

Rich Port Adventure Company is opening a store next month in Watons town — Their first location that will include a variety of outdoor gear accessories.

"We will be bringing in more outdoor products. We're going to be getting into hiking, camping. More of the accessories for cycling and kayaking, outdoor apparel, things like that — The essentials," Rodriguez said.

The store will be located above TK Tackle in Watons town.

On June 18, Rich Port Adventure Company will be teaming up with TK Tackle and UPMC to host the first annual River Fest. The family-friendly event will have a youth kayak clinic, kayak races for adults and a variety of other events.

"We're going to have it from 10 in the morning to 11



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**Orlando Rodriguez, above, stands with some of the kayaks offered by his outdoor recreation business, Rich Port Adventure Company.**

o'clock at night. We will have a youth kayak clinic at 10 a.m. It's going to be from 10 a.m. to noon. We will have kids seven and up, teach them water safety, give them a little rundown on technique and then do a little tour on the river," Rodriguez said.

There will also be over 40 vendors, food, a corn hole tournament, live music and a Little Miss River Fest pageant.

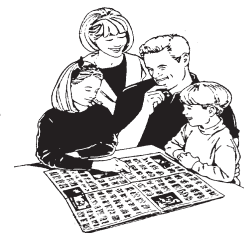
To get pre-registered for the youth kayak clinic or sign up for the kayak races, visit Rich Port Adventure Company on Facebook.

Rodriguez can also be reached at [rpkayakrentals@gmail.com](mailto:rpkayakrentals@gmail.com) or 570-692-2537.

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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!**



*Morgan Poust  
Hughesville High School*



*John Nickolaus  
Loyalsock Township High School*



*Owen Michael Sherman  
Montgomery High School*



*Dylann Eck  
Montoursville High School*



*Carter Rogers  
Muncy High School*



*Ryan Thompson  
St. John Neumann  
Regional Academy*



*Koki Musila  
Williamsport Area  
High School*



*Cassadi Dodd  
Jersey Shore Area  
High School*



*Genesis Lukasiewicz  
South Williamsport  
Area High School*

## Members in the News...

### SGY Staff Members Earn Certified Dementia Practitioner® Credential

A total of 11 staff members from the elder law firm of Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak earned professional certification as a Certified Dementia Practitioner® (CDP®) through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) at an all-day training held at the firm's Resource Center in Williamsport on May 11. This brings the total of SGY team members that have earned the CDP® designation to 19. (see list below)

Attorney Julie Steinbacher, the founding shareholder of SGY, Attorney Jenna Franks, a partner of the firm, Long-Term Care Planner Kristin Daugherty, and Jasmyn Winey, administrator at Nippenose Valley Village, a retirement community located in Williamsport, led the training. All four are Certified Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Care Trainers®, which allows them to train others to become CDPs®.

The CDP® designation represents individuals that have received comprehensive knowledge in the area of dementia care and achievement in completing the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care course/seminar. The CDP® also commits to ongoing professional development through NCCDP Staff Education Week or other educational opportunities and re-certification every two years. The NCCDP remarks that the "CDP® certification reflects a deep personal commitment on the part of the front line staff, health care professional and the organization's sense of accountability by abiding by the NCCDP ethics statement, inspiring confidence and dedication in an individual's professional knowledge through quality of life and quality of care provided by the CDP® to the dementia patient." The goal of the NCCDP is to develop and encourage comprehensive standards of excellence in direct-care skills, education, and sensitivity in the area of dementia care.

The following SGY staff members and attorney partners are now CDPs® with their position and primary office location(s).

- \*Attorney Chris Bradley (Williamsport/State College)
- Kristin Daugherty, Long-Term Care Planner (State College)
- Attorney Jenna Franks, Partner (State College)
- Attorney Landon Hodges, Partner (Williamsport/Wyalusing/Wysox)
- \*Attorney Megan Ingram (Williamsport/State College)
- \*Haley Jenny, Legal Assistant (State College)
- \*Heather Mendler, Long-Term Care Planner (Wyalusing/Wysox)
- \*Kathy Morrison, Care Coordinator (Wyalusing/Wysox)
- Kiley Myers, Paralegal (Williamsport)
- \*Jessica Oakley, Long-Term Care Planner (Wyalusing/Wysox)
- Holly Reigh, Specialized Care Planner (State College)
- \*Janelle Scillia, Legal Assistant (State College)
- Attorney Brittany Smith (Williamsport)
- Attorney Julie Steinbacher, Partner (Williamsport)
- \*Samantha Tompkins, Care Coordinator (Williamsport)
- Samantha Tressler, Legal Assistant (Williamsport)
- \*Briella Walk, Legal Assistant (State College)
- \*Angel Yost, Administrative Assistant (Williamsport)
- \*Tammy Zilske, Long-Term Care Planner (Williamsport)

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