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From Jason's Desk

Jason Fink, President/CEO

Congratulations to Little League Baseball on conducting a wonderful 75th Little League World Series. It was great to see the players, families and fans from across the globe here to enjoy the tournament. Thank you to all who helped during those two weeks including all those involved with public works and public safety. Your work is key in conducting all of the programming that takes place in South Williamsport and Williamsport over these two weeks in August.

I always enjoy the opportunity to see what is said about our community in the broadcast, print and social media. It is good to see someone else's perspective on the area and provides a different take from what we see from the local media outlets. However, I most enjoy getting to talk with people who are here for the Series and get their take on the community. My family and I were out for dinner at Ichiban one of the nights during the Series and had the opportunity to be seated with a few families from Hawaii who had children playing on the West team. It was very surprising to hear from them that one of the things they appreciated was the lush and beautiful outdoors in the area. They had a chance to visit one of the area lakes to enjoy some fishing and commented about how serene and peaceful it was here.

Now I'd be lying if I said it was the first time I had heard that from families visiting the area during the

Series. However, it was the first time for me to hear it from someone here from Hawaii. While I know how beautiful our area is, I never thought that it would be viewed this way by people who live in what many see as paradise.

Towards the beginning of August, I saw a good amount of reporting on the new Amazon warehouse in Clinton Township. It was interesting to me in seeing the level of coverage that this facility received from the local media. One thing that I don't recall hearing about was that almost all of the new jobs there are part-time positions with no benefits. Great for Amazon with the significant amount of free publicity they received. However, I was surprised to see how much they received given that there are many good local employers offering positions with family sustaining wages and solid benefits. Just look online, in the paper or listen to the radio. There are numerous companies that you can get a job making well above \$15 an hour with good benefits.

Now that we're past August and moving into September, it's back to the classroom for area schools and colleges. Sharon Jones from our team and I met with school superintendents here recently to talk about the work of the Chamber's Education Committee. We've had this committee for many years in part to provide a forum for the business and education community to understand each other's needs and identify where they can assist one another. Workforce

development is a natural since area business and industry have job opportunities for students who are being educated in our area schools.


Two things that I took away from the meeting that struck me. One is the challenge that even schools are having in hiring teachers and other positions in their districts. The other thought is that schools are now looking at hiring fulltime police officers to work.

For decades, the education community had an abundance of teachers to select from when they were filling positions. That however has changed drastically over the past couple of years. Now schools are struggling to get qualified applicants for positions that pay well above family sustaining wages. In talking with the superintendents, they cited the drop in the number of students going to college for the teaching profession along with the increased non-educational responsibilities now being assumed by teachers for this drop. Teachers are no longer just providing instruction to our youth. They also are taking on additional roles that many of those going into college don't want to deal with for a career.

While it is definitely a challenge for schools trying to hire educators, they now also need to deal with looking at ways to protect students, teachers and general faculty. That just blows my mind. I realize that it's been over 30 years since I've been a high school student, but I find it sad that su-


perintendents now need to address safety issues to the extent that they're hiring their own police to protect those being educated and working in our buildings. Safety and security is crucial to all of us, especially when talking about our children. It's unfortunately a necessary requirement now

for our schools to have this level of protection for them in this setting. Hopefully, we'll see some movement away from this senseless violence where our students and teachers are able to educate in a setting without this need of a police presence.



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August Ribbon Cuttings / Open Houses / Summer Picnics

Make Art Supplies Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations Make Art Supplies on your ribbon cutting ceremony! Located at the Pajama Factory, 1307 Park Avenue, Studio #4. (From l to r) Amy Alexander, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Development & Retention Committee; Cheryl Ingram; Concetta Owens, Owner; Jennifer Hopwood; Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.

2022 Montoursville Chamber of Commerce Summer Picnic

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Thank you to all who sponsored and attended this year's Montoursville Chamber of Commerce summer picnic at Trifecta Bar and Grill. It was a relaxing evening on the rooftop with great food and cold drinks.

Smokey Smoke Smoke Shop Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations Smokey Smoke Smoke Shop on your ribbon cutting ceremony. Located off of Lycoming Creek Road at 1936 Frey Avenue, Williamsport. (From l to r) Taryn Mueller, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Gavin Gordon, Owner; Jennifer Rempe, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Development & Retention Committee.

2022 Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Picnic

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Thank you Santino's Pine Creek Inn for hosting the Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce end of summer picnic. Everyone enjoyed delicious food and a beautiful evening on the deck.

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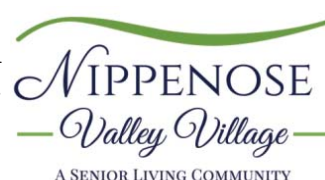
Thursday, September 22, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 pm

7190 South State Route 44, Williamsport

Located in the heart of Nippenose Valley, our Senior Living Community boasts a warm country setting mixed with a modern facility.

Please join us as we showcase how our residents "Embrace a Vibrant Life" at our Senior Living Community.



Nippenose Tavern

Thursday, October 13, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 pm

6391 State Route 654 Highway, Williamsport

Join us for a beautiful fall evening in the heart of the Nippenose Valley! Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served under the pavilion. The Dairy Shack will be serving Penn State Berkey Creamery ice cream and the Pine Crick Picker will be open for those interested in antiques and collectibles.



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



Member Renewals

Received between July 30 and August 31, 2022

Thank you to our renewing members!

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

First Year Renewals

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Lycoming Bakery
Road Radio USA
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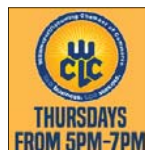
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Upcoming PM Exchanges...

Any Event Party Rentals & Sales - Thursday, October 27
Treasure Castle Playland - Thursday, November 10
The Muncy Bank & Trust Company - Thursday, December 8

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

Final Bases Loaded Statues Unveiled in Williamsport

Commemorating 75th Little League World Series

The Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce unveiled on August 21st their final set of statues associated with the Bases Loaded statues public arts piece at Market Square in downtown Williamsport. This project was led by the Chamber's tourist promotion arm, the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau. It was started in 2014 to mark the 75th anniversary of Little League Baseball and concluded with the 75th Little League World Series this year.

While this initiative was led by the Chamber and its Visitors Bureau, the funding for the statues was provided by local community businesses. The donors for this year's set of statues, Cy Young, Jackie Robinson and President George W. Bush, was provided by Lycoming Engines, Wegmans and Famvest Partners.

Shannon Massey, Senior Vice President at Lycoming Engines shared that *"Similar to Little League, Lycoming Engines was founded in Williamsport, and is proud to have joined Little League and the community in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the LLWS. Much like our aviation engines, Little League touches many lives across all corners of the globe. It is an*

honor and privilege for Lycoming Engines to sponsor the Heritage of Little League Bases Loaded monuments on Market Square. We take pride in making Williamsport a place that provides opportunity for our youth and our people to expand their horizons throughout the world, powering today and tomorrow." Lycoming Engines is the underwriter for the Cy Young statue.

Famvest Partners LLC stepped forward to help with the President George W. Bush statue. Executive Vice President, Ara M. Kervandjian with Famvest stated, *"Famvest would like to thank the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, City of Williamsport, and the greater Lycoming County area, for the many decades of*

support they've shown in working together to make our community a better place to live, work and experience the many wonderful features that our area has to offer. We are proud to be part of the Bases Loaded public arts project in commemorating Little League Baseball and the Little League World Series. Little League embodies all that is right about the community and we are pleased to support these values."



The third statue, that of Jackie Robinson, was underwritten by Wegmans. Nick Leeuwen, Store Manager for Wegmans Williamsport, commented, *"Wegmans is honored to be part of the Bases Loaded public art project in celebration of the Little League World Series' 75th anniversary, and to recognize such an important baseball player and the contributions he made to the sport. We have served the Williamsport community for more than 26 years, and it's easy to see how much Little League Baseball and the Little League World Series means to this community and to baseball fans around the country."*

The Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce greatly appreciates the support of these three corporate partners in their support of the Bases Loaded statues. They willingly stepped forward to provide the necessary funding to help commemorate and mark the importance of Little League Baseball and the Little League World Series here in Williamsport and Lycoming County.

Ribbon Cuttings and Open Houses

Helping Hands Home Medical Supplies

356 Pine Street, Williamsport
Thursday, September 15, 2022
Ribbon Cutting @ Noon
Open House 12:30 - 4:30 PM

Join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of Helping Hands Home Medical Supplies, located in downtown Williamsport. Stop by for a complimentary lunch and shop around the store. Meet the owners, Kayla & Brooks Borgess who will be on-site until 2:00pm.

Any Event Party Rentals

535 E. 3rd Street, Williamsport
Thursday, September 15, 2022
Ribbon Cutting @ 5:00 PM
Open House 5:30-7:30 PM

Check out Any Event Party Rentals' new location! Meet Ally & Sarah and the knowledgeable staff!

*More Ribbon Cuttings and Open Houses
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Axe of Faith

10 S. Market Street, Muncy
Saturday, September 17, 2022 - Ribbon Cutting
@ 3:00 PM

Open House festivities 3:30-10:00 PM
Join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of Lycoming County's newest axe-throwing experience. Live Music | Enjoy a Complimentary Fajita Bar | PLAY: Throw 30 minutes for just \$10

FEATURE MEMBER

Carr's offers diverse services for trailer needs

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Carr's Trailers & Supplies, located at 1739 John Brady Drive, Muncy, serves transportation needs to North Central Pennsylvania and beyond.

A family owned and operated business, Carrs is managed by Richard Cihanowyz and his son Rich Jr.

Cihanowyz started the business in 2004, after moving to Williamsport from New Jersey with his family.

"We were doing something like this in New Jersey, and then my son ended up going to school at Penn Tech at the time," Richard Cihanowyz, owner, said. "I fell in love with the area. I decided to sell everything in New Jersey and move the clan out here. Different area, different people, beautiful scenery, better opportunities," Cihanowyz said.

"My right hand man who's not here right now is my son. He's over in Egypt with the Pennsylvania National Guard out of Williamsport. So he's not here until next year," Cihanowyz said.

Carrs offers a variety of services and products including trailer sales, rentals, accessories, moving supplies, vehicle rentals, vehicle towing and more.

"We service other people's trailers. We also sell parts, if someone wants to do it himself, we will sell him parts. We also have a large tow truck business. We run out of here," Cihanowyz said.

The business also provides customized trailers to its customers.

"We're big into aluminum trailers, we sell a lot of them. I designed some of them, but I have the manufacturers make them for me the way I want them — I customize them to the customer's needs. I stand between the customer and the manufacturers," Cihanowyz said.

"And a lot of car hauling trailers. So if you have a hot rod, or you know, you'd like to move your specialty car

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Sun-Gazette
Carr's Trailers & Supplies, above, is located at 1739 John Brady Drive in Muncy. The business has a wide selection of trailers for customers a number of which are shown at left.

FEATURE MEMBER

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someplace, we have trailers for that," Cihanowyz said.

Over the years, the business has expanded.

"In New Jersey, I had 9 parking spots — Here, I said I would never run out of room. ...We're probably up to about 20 acres of trailers now," Cihanowyz said.

The office location is connected to an open garage and 20 acres of land, making the indoor/outdoor location a comfortable experience for both customers and Carr's employees.

"I like to breathe fresh air. I like to go outside with the customers, with the showroom stuff. Come back inside. If it's raining at least you got protection," Cihanowyz said. "It's a nice experience for the customer, which is a nice experience for us, because it's something that makes their life better."

Cihanowyz is a longtime member of The Chamber of Commerce.

"I really appreciate the Williamsport Chamber of Commerce. I come to this from New Jersey. I didn't know anybody. Vince Matteo, the President at the time, just shook my hand and made me feel part of the family almost immediately. And introduced me to who I should know and contact. Being a member of the chamber has been a real asset to us," Cihanowyz said.

"You've got to be part of the community to know what's going on. It's like a connection between the community and the government," Cihanowyz said.

Carr's Trailers & Supplies can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CarrsTrailersandSupplies> or at <https://www.carrsofpa.com>.



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The extensive inventory doesn't stop at trailers. Carr's has a large inventory of parts and accessories

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LEGACY MEMBER

DuBoistown is committed to excellence in service

By **MARK MARONEY**
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DuBoistown Borough is a bedroom community that is safe, responsive to residential needs and with a population that continues to see more "fortysomethings" and families.

The borough of 1,356 people is clean, with low crime due to around-the-clock coverage by South Williamsport police and has a lot of families moving in who work in the city, other boroughs and townships in Lycoming County, said Ann Marie Baker, borough manager for three years.

Baker handles the daily operations. Her job, besides fielding calls and dealing with breaking borough issues, includes reviewing plans and updating ordinances ahead of Borough Council meetings.

"We are changing," she said, citing how three years ago the average age of a resident here was 65, based on the prior Census. Today, the median age is 40.

The borough doesn't have a large business district, but it has some commercial and retail businesses. It also has a growing population base of professionals, families as well as the retired.

One of the latest projects and challenges is the infrastructure — or streets and utilities — and the borough has been developing a three- to -five- to- 10-year plan with the public works department.

This plan will identify streets to be fixed and paved but also loop in the water authority, UGI gas company and state Department of Transportation, Baker explained.

"We want to fix infrastructure, not just pave roads but also contact other utilities and have a list," she said. The goal is to align projects so there isn't a need to excavate after the fact and it is more cost effective for all involved.

Baker tries to coordinate infrastructure projects and grant applications for dual use with Steven W. Cappelli, South Williamsport manager and public safety director.

One example of shared service is on street work. The borough is paving Arlington Street because it shares it with neighbor South Williamsport, as that borough owns a portion of the street. The borough also shares public works projects with Armstrong Township.

"It is great for all our communities," Baker said.

In terms of public safety previously mentioned, the borough dissolved its police three years ago and has a contract with South Williamsport to provide police service.

It pays \$132,000 a year for the services, nothing other than those services, and no maintenance of equipment, insurance or workers comp, Baker said.

The prior police budget was \$80,000 and without full-time patrol and service.

The borough has a full-time tax collector through Dottie White Mertz, who has her office in the borough.

In terms of recreation, the borough is trying to improve its walkability.

"We have people who like to walk," Baker said.

A location for that exercise to be done other than on sidewalks is a little known park behind the old elementary school on Sum-



PHOTOS PROVIDED
Above, the popular Night Out event can be seen in a drone overhead photo, where police and fire officials interacted with residents on Aug. 2. Among the fun was a dunk tank where residents could throw a ball to hit a target and soak a borough official or volunteer. At right, Station 8 fire engine and two ambulance units are at the ready at the fire house on Southern Avenue.



mer Street.

The borough is doing more community events. Among these coordinating with homeowners who put on the popular Christmas and holiday display on Candy Cane Lane to have a Holiday Festival.

"I am excited about the future of the borough and the moves we are making," Baker said.

Borough officials are trying to focus on being good neighbors

with nearby communities and providing the residents with a functionable and safe community, she said.

Other officials include: Kate Weaver, assistant treasurer; Paul McKinley, full-time public works; Greg Beck, part-time public works; Walt Steinbacher, Dean Jones, Kevin Grant, Jeff Hughes and Patrick Melloy, seasonal pub-

lic works; Mayor Richard Knecht

Council President Michael Rodgers; Council Vice President Dori Rankinen; Council Pro Temp Shawn Millard; Council John McCormick; Council Jeff Kreger; Council Norman J Cowden; Council TBD (Appointment); Tax Collector Dottie Mertz

Outdoor equipment business has big inventory, knowledgeable staff

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Thompson's Outdoor Power Equipment, located at 1410 High St., Williamsport, offers a variety of outdoor power equipment to both landscapers and homeowners.

Thompson's lawn equipment has been around since the early 1960s.

"It has been around for a while — Danny Thompson was the old owner and then it changed hands back in 2010," said Travis Ward, general manager. "So its services have changed as well over the years," said Ward.

The business is now owned by Roland and Patricia Slingerland.

"We are committed to providing an extensive inventory of top-quality equipment," Ward said. "One of the things we specialize in is serving commercial landscapers and homeowners. We want to supply them with the best outdoor power equipment brands in the industry."

Thompson's carries the brands STIHL, Toro, Honda Power Equipment, Generac and Weber.

"We sell all kinds of gas and battery powered lawn and garden products. The one thing that's really starting to take off is battery products — We do offer an extensive list of battery products. We really strive to get the customer what they need," said Ward.

The business has an educated and well-trained staff available to answer customer questions and provide quality service.

We actually have two gold certified field technicians on staff. That's the highest level of field training that you can get. So you actually go to school and get certified. There's two of us here. I'm one of them," said Ward.

"We put a lot of time and money into training. Just so we know the new trends, there's a lot of hands-on training that we do, we do webinars on products and repairs. We spend a good amount of time reinvesting in that knowledge," said Ward.

"We have a good repeat customer base," said Ward. "We are Central PA's largest STIHL dealer. We are also a Toro master service dealer. And we are one of the area's only Honda premier dealers."

To learn more about Thompson's services, visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thompsonslope> or their website, where inventory, equipment brochures, services, company information and more can be found <https://www.thompsonslope.com>.



PHOTOS PROVIDED
Above, A customer is helped by staff at Thompson's Outdoor Power Equipment in Williamsport. At left, some of the lawn care inventory is on display outside of the store.

NEW MEMBER

Photographer transfers hobby to full-time career

By **MARK MARONEY**

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HUGHESVILLE — Robert Lesko's career in photography started with a broken stereo.

It was in the early 1970s when Lesko was in high school in Old Bridge, New Jersey when he bought a stereo system that was not working and instead turned it in for a camera.

From that moment on young Robert began to be fascinated.

"Scenics, animals ... I took courses," he said.

His skills blossomed and he read books by experts about photography.

Lesko attended school at Miami Dade Community College where he added business courses to his education.

In 1978, as disco was in full swing, Lesko was hired in Miami by Ackerley Communications, a leading billboard company that dominated the south Florida market.

He sought locations for advertisers and shot for them as well.

He became proficient in color and black and white printing and established a lab on the premises.

Jumping north to Long Island, New York, in 1983, Lesko took his talents to a portrait studio.

"I gained expertise in portrait posing, lighting and the business of running a studio," he said.

Eventually making his way to Williamsport, in 1986, Lesko arrived with billboard experience so he got a job with Penn Advertising in sales.

In 1987, he established a commercial studio for Brodart to photograph their extensive supply catalog and provide photography for their future division.

That gave him an opportunity to gain knowledge and expertise in the commercial aspect of the profession.

In 1992, Lesko ventured out on his own, establishing a studio on Main Street in Hughesville where he did mostly portrait work. His photographs are all over the East Lycoming School District buildings. He continued there for four years before moving in 1996 to the Silk Mill Complex on Railroad Street.

"The studio gave me the ability to create large furniture sets for several of my clients," he said.

A diverse customer base could receive full color and black and white dark room service. He also was engaged in family and children's portraits, especially high school seniors, team and special events and business portraits along with weddings.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Light Painting is one of the techniques Lesko Photography uses to provide customers with unique photographs.

At the start of the millennium, Lesko purchased a property at 96 N. Main St., where he began the transition to digital photography.

That included all of the mentioned photography, but using digital technology, which was widely accepted over film for speed purposes.

From 2005 to present Lesko moved the studio to just outside Hughesville at 43 Pine Run Road. It is a quaint home-studio that provides outdoor sets for portraits and a large shooting space indoors.

Lesko said he has grown his child care photography business to the point that he is able to do most of my

business in the fall and spring and work with selected clients the other times of the year.

Today, he is doing a limited amount of regular portrait work and continues to love technology such as light painting, which he described as unique and complex.

"It is basically long exposure to create a stunning, one-of-a-kind image that cannot be created with traditional photography," he said.

Virtually, anything three dimensional qualifies to be light painted, he noted.

"It is a stunning piece of art that will be appreciated for generations to come," he said.

Grand Slam Breakfast with Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera

August 16, 2022 marked the kick off of the 75th Little League World Series in Williamsport with the Grand Slam Breakfast, hosted at Bald

Birds Brewing Company, featured Hall of Famer New York Yankees pitcher Mariano Rivera. He detailed stories of how he grew up in Panama

City playing baseball and the significance of #42. Mariano wants kids to have better opportunities to play baseball, so he started his foundation, The Mariano Rivera Foundation. Thank you to Williamsport Crosscutters' Gabe Sinicropi for emceeding the discussion, the Bald Birds Brewing staff, Gunzey's, all our sponsors and everyone in attendance, to help kick off the 2022 Series.



A record crowd of over 380 people attended the Grand Slam Breakfast to see Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera.

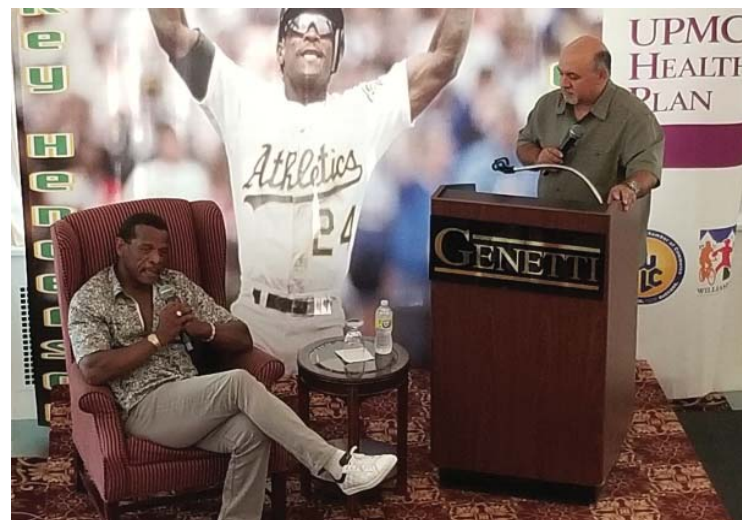
12th Annual Williamsport Welcomes the World

Williamsport Welcomes the World is the annual celebration during the Little League World Series in downtown Williamsport. This year, the event was held on Friday, August



26 and featured over 70 vendors and activities and local businesses. A line of Rickey Henderson fans wrapped around the Chamber building to meet Rickey and get a signed photo. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and came out to support this Williamsport tradition.

Championship Luncheon with Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson



The Annual Championship Luncheon hosted at the Genetti Hotel on August 26 featured Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson, "Man of Steal". Rickey shared stories on how he perfected stealing bases to become all-time stolen base leader with 1,406 stolen bases. His first love was football. He had over a dozen scholarships and turned them down on the advice of his mother, who argued that football players had shorter careers. He emphasized the importance of teamwork and encouraged the kids to have fun. Thank you to Williamsport Crosscutters' Gabe Sinicropi for emceeding the discussion, Genetti Hotel staff, all of our sponsors, and all who were in attendance.

More Ribbon Cuttings and Open Houses

Skeleton Key Boutique

442 William Street, Williamsport
Friday, September 23, 2022
Ribbon Cutting @ 5:00 PM

Infinity Hydration & Wellness Bar

75 Chad Road, Muncy
Thursday, September 29, 2022
Ribbon Cutting @ 5:00 PM - Open House 5:30-7:00 PM
Join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of our area's new wellness bar.
Receive a FREE B12 shot 5:30-6:30 PM

Clover Crown Boutique

256 Allegheny Street, Jersey Shore
Saturday, October 1, 2022
Ribbon Cutting @ 10:00 AM - Open House 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
A small-town, small business specializing in women's clothing (S-3XL), jewelry, and accessories. Check out all Clover Crown Boutique has to offer.

Positive Medium

The Pajama Factory
1307 Park Ave, Suite 7-312E (3rd Floor) Williamsport
Saturday, October 15, 2022 - Ribbon Cutting @ Noon
FREE Website Building Workshop, Register Online by September 30, 2022
positivemedium.com/workshop



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Thank you to all who had an entry or came out to watch this year's Grand Slam Parade or participated and attended this year's Williamsport Welcomes the World.

We look forward to seeing you again next year in helping to welcome the world to our community.



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