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From Jason's Desk

Jason Fink, President/CEO

January was a tough month for the Chamber as we lost a longtime leader for the organization with Vince Matteo's passing on January 9. Vince retired from the Chamber December 31, 2018, but was never far from us as he stopped in regularly to see us. We also saw him out at various activities and programming here in the community. Needless to say, this was definitely not the column that I thought I'd be writing for February.

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Vince started his work here at the Chamber on April 2, 2001. It was a Monday and he was staying at the Jefferson Square Apartments on Washington Boulevard here in Williamsport. That evening was the finals between Duke and Arizona for the NCAA basketball tournament. Vince offered to anyone who was interested in watching the game at his apartment, to stop over. A couple of us

took him up on it. The biggest thing that I took away from that evening wasn't so much work related, but more on how Vince viewed family. He was anxious to get settled and find a home so that after the school year ended, Sue, Anthony and Sarah could come and be with him.

Anyone that knew Vince, always speaks about his presence and how he could command a room. He had confidence in what he believed in and passionate about the support for business and industry in our community. There are two things that I look at today that without his efforts, we would not be as far along as a community as we are today.

You might recall several years ago when at the time, Susquehanna Health System was considering options for a new hospital to be built in the area. They had purchased property in

the Muncy area, were investigating property on Route 87 north of Montoursville, along with considering expansion at the Williamsport campus. Vince knew what having the main campus for Susquehanna Health System meant to the City of Williamsport. The loss would have been devastating to it. He coordinated a group of local leaders to work in advocating for the City to showcase the benefits gained by adding on to the existing Williamsport campus. His work in leading this effort helped the City to maintain the Williamsport Hospital and has allowed for the development to take place in and around that campus.

The other key initiative that he led was associated with the natural gas industry. In the early years of the development of the industry in our county, there was a number of new challenges being put before us given the nature of the industry. He worked in putting together a local group of leaders to begin preparing for this development. Vince connected with colleagues in Texas to coordinate a visit there to gain better knowledge about this new industry. He, along with this group of leaders, went there for a week and met with officials who gave them an understanding of how it operated, what to expect, and steps that could be taken to ensure a smooth introduction of this industry into our local economy. This work helped to position us to better adapt to the gas industry coming into the county, in comparison to some of the others in our region. While it wasn't easy and without issues, we were better prepared due to his work in dealing with these challenges.

However, there was so much more to Vince than just the work here for the

community. His laugh and sharp humor, love of the Yankees and Giants are some of the things that quickly come to mind. The biggest thing to me was his love of family. He would share things he and Sue were doing now that he was retired. Going to the wineries up at Seneca Lake was the getaway for them, while Italy was back on to visit now that international travel was open. We talked almost every time I saw him about his grandkids, Riley, Christopher and Gabriel. Those were the most enjoyable for me because my two youngest go to school with Riley and Christopher so we had lengthy conversations about their activities.

I'm thankful for the 21 years of friendship, guidance and support that he gave me. Thank you Vince. You made not only Lycoming County better, but also me as a person.

Revolving Loan Fund

To assist businesses with their financial needs for construction, renovations, equipment purchases and working capital. For more information or application, contact Bo Hornberger at the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce. 570-326-1971

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Lycoming County Visitors Bureau Announces **2023 Travel and Tourism Application Deadline**

The Lycoming County Visitors Bureau is pleased connection to announce the return of the Lycoming County Travel and Tourism Grants program. The revised program is being brought back since we last awarded grants in 2020. Grant applications CHAMBER are available now and are due to the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau by 11:59pm on February 15, 2023.

Funding is to assist with non-profit organizations in their travel and tourism related activities and is to be used for un-

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derwriting the expense of promotional and publicity initiatives by those assets for the purpose of increasing tourism within Lycoming County. Awards are granted on a competitive basis. Grant funding is limited to non-profit organizations and preference will be given to the assets that demonstrate the ability to attract patrons from outside Lycoming County.

Organizations meeting the criteria for the grant are strongly encouraged to apply for this funding. Applications and guidelines may be obtained by going to the Visitors Bureau website, www.visitlycomingcounty. <u>com</u>, or the Chamber's website, <u>www.williamsport.org</u>. They can also be obtained by calling the Chamber at 570-326-1971.

Since 2000, the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau has granted through this program over \$1.7 million to 54 non-profit organizations conducting travel and tourism related events and activities here in Lycoming County.



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Received between December 23, 2022 and January 29, 2023

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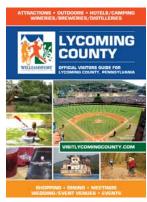
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The 2023 Lycoming County Visitors Guide is here!

The Visitors Guide is full of useful information on what to do, where to

stay, eat and shop throughout Lycoming County. Please pick up a copy of the Visitors Guide at the Visitors Center, 102 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, or many other locations throughout the area.

The Lycoming County Visitors Bureau will be distributing the 2023 Visitors Guide along with other regional and local brochures on a regular basis. The guides are delivered to hundreds of locations all over Lycoming County and neighboring counties. If you would like to have your business receive the Lycoming County Visitors Guide, please contact Gina Edwards at 570-320-4208 or gedwards@williamsport.org.



Upcoming PM Exchanges...

YWCA Northcentral PA

Thursday, February 9, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 pm 815 West Fourth Street, Williamsport

Join the YWCA as they celebrate 130 years of serving this community. Take a tour of the 1st floor while learning more about their services.



Park Place

Thursday, March 9, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 pm 800 West Fourth Street, Williamsport

You are cordially invited to a PM Exchange at beautiful Park Place, located on historical Millionaires Row. Hors d'oeuvres and libations will be served in the Grand Gallery, with dessert in the Peter Herdic Room. Please join us for an evening of celebration and networking steeped in the rich history of Williamsport's hidden gem. Business

cards will be collected for a door prize. We look forward to sharing the history and splendor of Park Place with you!

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High Point Settlement

Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 pm 201 Basin Street, Unit 14D, Williamsport

Join the High Point Settlement team for hors d'oeuvres and beverages as we celebrate our 1st anniversary. Meet our team and learn how we will make your next real estate transaction stress-free!



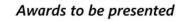
Call the Chamber of Commerce today at (570) 326-1971 or visit www.williamsport.org to make your reservations.

Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce 137th Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet Thursday, February 23, 2023

11:45AM - 1:30PM

Holiday Inn Downtown Registration Opens at 11:15AM

Join us as we review the accomplishments of 2022 and look ahead to developing an even better Lycoming County in 2023.





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

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Leadership Lycoming - Education Day

The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2023 had their fourth program day, Education, beginning at Pennsylvania College of Technology in the Madigan Library. Hosts Lauri Moon, Class of 2004 and Karen Retorick, Class of 2010, welcomed the class and gave a little background of themselves and then introduced the first presentor, Dr. Michael Reed, President, Pennsylvania College of Technology. The morning continued with tours of the Center for Career Design with Shelley Moore, Senior Director of the Center for Career Design and the Plastics & Polymer Technology Labs with Joshua Rice, Faculty Plastics Technology, School of Engineering Technologies.

The class then had the opportunity to experience a tour and presentation of STEP Head Start with Carolyn Hawk, Director, STEP Head Start, Class of 2015.

The afternoon continued with a tour of Williamsport Area High School with Dr. Justin Ross, Associate Principal, Class of 2017 and Matt Fisher, Career and Technical Education Director.

The agenda wrapped up with a panel discussion-"Getting Back to "Normal" in Education" with Dr. Richard Poole, Williamsport Area School District Assistant Superintendent, Ben Enders, Jersey Shore Business Manager, Jersey Shore Area School District, Dr. Cori Cotner, Curriculum & Instruction Director, East Lycoming School District, Heather Way, Mental Health and Trauma Coordinator grades 7th-12th, Williamsport Area School District, and Matt Johnson, Principal, Montoursville Area High School, with moderator Dr. Chad Greevy, Secondary Curriculum Supervisor, Williamsport Area School District, and Class of 2018.

Thank you to our Tier 3 sponsors, Lycoming College and Pennsylvania College of Technology. Thank you to hosts Lauri Moon and Karen Retorick, and Paula Holmes, UPMC and Erica Hoyt, BLaST IU17 as class reporters.

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Dr. Michael Reed, (center), Pennsylvania College of Technology President, spoke with the Class of 2023 at the Madigan Library.

The class saw a presentation on what STEP Head Start is all about along with a tour of the building by Carolyn Hawk, Director of STEP Head Start.





A panel discussion was held with local school educators on, "Getting Back to "Normal" in Education".

Leadership Lycoming accepting applications for the Class of 2024

Are you interested in Leadership Lycoming? Now is the time to submit your application for the Class of 2024. Graduates are seen throughout the community as participants on boards, committees, and task forces. Many find that the information they receive as a Leadership Lycoming participant provides them with the insight to better understand the issues facing our community today and tomorrow.

Class participants are selected on the basis of their demonstrated leadership potential and sincere desire to contribute time and effort in their community. A formal Selection Committee chooses class members based on a written application, references and personal interviews.

Applications are available online and can be downloaded at www.leadershiplycoming.org. Applications will be accepted until April 14, 2023. If you would like further information, please contact Meghan Quinn, Leadership Lycoming Coordinator at 570-320-4216 or mquinn@williamsport.org.

We look forward to seeing you in the Leadership Lycoming Class of 2024!

FEATURE MEMBER

CFG offers investment, financial planning strategies

By MIKE REUTHER

Williamsport Sun-Gazette, February 2023

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The Comprehensive Financial Group offers a wide range of investment, estate, and strategic long-term financial planning for individuals and commercial entities.

Financial Advisor Tim Benner noted that some people may not be aware of everything CFG can provide a client.

"We are more than just investments," he said. "We can do full comprehensive planning. We can evaluate peoples' insurance plans and needs. We can help with Social Security optimization and tax efficient strategies. We work with attorneys and certified public accountants in estate planning."

CFG is located on the second and third floors of the bank at 1720 E. Third St., Williamsport, Pa. 17701, and is one of seven locations across the North Atlantic region.

Curtis Fay, certified financial planner, noted that each of the firm's representatives are trained to offer specialized services.

"We have a lot of people with a lot of experience," Benner added.

Clients come to CFG for help with various needs, including retirement plans, college financing, and general investment needs.

"There is always the opportunity to improve someone's situation," Benner said. "We can be a coordinating point to someone's financial house."

While many people hold jobs and accumulate money, they often don't have their money working for them efficiently.

"We try to point out deficiencies in areas where people may need help," Fay said. "We shed a light on a blind spot."

Every case is different and customizing plans for the individual or business is the key to proper planning.

Initial consultations are complimentary.



Curtis Fay, right, certified financial planner, goes over investment strategies with clients. CFG consultants can come up with individual plans for any customer.

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From there, CFG's trained consultants can come up with individual plans for people.

"We delve deep into what is important to them," Benner said.

Added Fay: "It's making a plan to go for-ward."

Once an individual or business becomes a client, CFG keeps in contact often, on an annual basis.

"We can reach out with phone calls, also with emails," Benner said.

Benner said retirement plans probably comprise most of the work CFG does.

"People change jobs and want to know what they do with their 401(K's)," he said.

Benner noted that CFG has access to world class money managers to help clients with any problems that may not be immediately solved.

Benner and Fay agree it's always rewarding to help clients.

"That is the fun part of the business," Fay said. "The cool part of the job is putting the pieces together."

A challenge of their jobs is keeping up to date with all the regulatory measures.

A much different challenge is that of convincing clients to have realistic expectations about their financial or investment goals.

"You have to have a reality speech with them," Benner said. "You have to be honest and truthful."

Often, Benner will find himself working with different generations of the same family.

"You meet a lot of nice people," he said.

Many clients come to CFG through referrals, word-of-mouth, events, and what Fay called "networking in general."

CFG was established in 1909 and through the years expanded to include offices throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, and Virginia.

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The Comprehensive Financial Group is located at 1720 E. Third St., Williamsport. The agency offers a wide range of investment and financial assistance to clients.

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LEGACY MEMBER Couple steers family business toward growth

By MIKE REUTHER

Williamsport Sun-Gazette, February 2023

Since taking over Labels by Pulizzi less than two years ago, its new owners like where the business is going.

"We had a good strong first year," Selina Pulizzi said.

Added Vince Pulizzi: "We saw over 7% actual real growth in the first year."

The husband-and-wife team said it's all about a "can-do-attitude," solid employees, and hard work.

Vince's family launched the business more than 50 years ago, but it wasn't until 2021, after being involved in other work, that he decided with his wife to buy the company.

The business, located at 3325 Wahoo Drive, has been described as a leader in the flexographic and offset printing industry. Among its products are print, promotional, and custom products.

"A lot of people think we just print stickers," Vince said. "We manufacture pressure sensitive labels. So we are a manufacturing industry."

Labels for products are shipped in and out of the state, and in some cases overseas.

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"We are the largest label manufacturer and commercial printer within 100 miles," Vince said.

The business employs about 30 people, many of whom have been with the business for years.

The experienced workforce was a big plus for the business moving forward, helping to guide the couple as they got more acquainted with the company.

"They were very helpful," Selina said.



Vince and Selina Pulizzi are owners and operators of Labels by Pulizzi, 3325 Wahoo Drive.

since we took over," Vince said.

While expensive and sophisticated printing equipment can its share of challenges, including be found within the company's 30,000-square-foot facility, it's ing to the nuances of the industry. west end of Williamsport. the employees who are its most valuable assets, he noted.

ent talents to the table.

"Selina has a great mind for firight in and do things," Vince said. business moved into the former it went up for sale.

"We hired five new people "I'm more into product manage- Clark & Hoag tire business buildment and giving people direction." ing on Market Street in downtown cycle," Vince said. "We don't want

> Running the business poses Williamsport. simply keeping abreast and adopt-

"There's the cost of products to mellow out a little bit."

Vince's grandfather, Joseph V. ness. nance and is competent in market- Pulizzi, launched the company in

After a fire there in January

Vince, whose father, and other becoming part of the family busi- with the food bank.

ing, so she has been able to walk 1968 out of a garage. In 1977, the decided to buy the business went you," Vince said.

MIKE REUTHER/Sun-Gazette Correspondent

"We see ourselves in a growth to maintain. We want to grow."

As part of being business own-1990, the business relocated to the ers, they feel it's important to be part of the community too.

Labels by Pulizzi sponsors Litand the lag time to get them," Seli- family members, worked at La- tle League teams and takes part in Vince and Selina bring differ- na said, while adding, "it's starting bels by Pulizzi, often dreamed of toy drives and has been involved

"When you take care of your He and his wife are glad they community, it will take care of

SMALL BUSINESS

H3 Homecare offers daily assistance to aging loved ones

By MIKE REUTHER

Like many businesses, the idea for launching H3 Care came with the thought of fulfilling a need.

For Nicole Whitford and Tiffani Helmrich, it meant offering services to keep elderly persons in their homes by helping with their daily living.

"We are a small, local, woman owned agency. We are not a franchise," Whitford said. "We want to

"When choosing the compa- based on the need. ny name, we wanted something we want to offer for our clients name H3 Care stands for Healthy visit." and Happy at Home.

non-medical home care agency lot about running a business. offering companionship and personal care.

ing, dressing, meal preparation, she noted. light housekeeping, as well as run-

"Typically, the clients that I finding and keeping staff. have mostly just need companionship," Whitford said. "Maybe the business has been very busy. some light personal care."

pected fall or recent surgery.

was important to offer such ser- said. vices to other families facing the

They realized that many baby about 16 clients. boomers are now entering those tion.

in their own homes. Many care meet, wondering if we could get see what they offered, pricing and Commerce. Our hopes were to inc.com/.

facilities are at their max of occupancy due to being understaffed." Whitford said. "Unfortunately, this is happening everywhere, staffing is an ongoing issue. "

Eight people are employed and trained in direct personal care by H3 Care.

"Our only requirement as far as service visits is that we have a three-hour minimum per shift," she said. "We can visit seven days a week, all shifts, when sufficientkeep somewhat small. So, the care ly staffed. The number of days we can give is more personalized. a week a client is served varies

"I like to take pride in saying unique that would represent what that in the four years we've been in business, there have been less and how we want them to live. The than 10 times we had to cancel a

Since launching H3 Care four H3 Care, she described, as a years ago, Whitford has learned a

At the outset, perhaps the biggest challenge was finding reliable Daily living needs such as bath- staff and obtaining new clients,

And, the COVID-19 pandemic ning errands, are offered to clients. only posed more challenges for

Since having it up and running,

"It's a lot of work. I am respon-Clients include those who sible for all the everyday happenmight have experienced an unex- ings from billing, invoicing, payroll, and anything else that rolls Whitford and Helmrich expe- my way. I go out and meet with rienced taking care of relatives in potential clients as well as do clineed of personal care and felt it ent visits when needed," Whitford

HC Care, based at 907 Southsame issues with their loved ones. ern Ave., South Williamsport, has enough clients to succeed."

years when they need such atten- sions or misgivings she had about cal market to ascertain the need for the word out about the agency. launching the business, she said, "I the agency. "It was to help families out as guess the biggest hesitation was in much as we could by keeping them wondering if we could make ends to other home care agencies to liamsport/Lycoming Chamber of agency is at https://www.h3care-

Before starting the business,

such" she added.

a wide range of non-medical services, both long and short term.

"One of the first things we did community," she said. "We did some calling around after opening was join the Wil-

build networking opportunities They use advertising through through the many business con-When asked what apprehen- they made sure to research the lo- billboards and newspapers to get tacts as well as get our name out with increased visibility in the

More information about the

PHOTO PROVIDED Kristyn Dissinger (left) consults with a client regarding her home care needs. H3 Care offers

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NEW MEMBER Bartending service is up and running

By MIKE REUTHER

Ally Miele enjoyed bartending as a college student.

So much so, that she eventually decided to make a business out of her passion for it.

"It was always something I enjoyed. It's fun. It's stress free," she said.

Miele used the money she earned bartending in those years toward her schooling to become a nurse.

And that's the career field she pursued, but she didn't give up bartending, choosing instead to do it as a part-time gig.

With her mother, Rebecca Hall, she decided to eventually launch BarCODE, a mobile bartending business based in Williamsport that does wedding receptions, parties, and other events.

"I had a lot of friends that got married in the last five to 10 years. I saw a need for it," she said. "A lot of caterers are getting out of the bartending end of it."

Miele said it's a lot of work, but they enjoy doing it and meeting different people.

"It's a nice service to offer," she said.

Overall, she said it's a fun busi- events. ness.

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"We have about 10 bartenders." We travel any mount of distance," she said. The farthest we've done is about two hours away."

BarCODE has three trailers it bile bars for events.

"We have stationary bars for indoor setups," she said.

Miele said her business has been busy mostly with weddings but is certainly not limited to those

Cogan Station that had a 100-year anniversary. We bartended that," ers Tree Farm."

uses that are transformed into mo- held on weekends, but the work been extremely fortunate with the for the business begins well before people we use. They are invested and even after the actual event.

It includes consultation with a client, planning the event, and purchasing the trailers used for the her to make it happen. scheduling it.

"My mom and I do all the con- noted, "were not cheap."

sultations and prep work and dobeforehand and afterwards stuff," she said. "As of right now, barshe said. "We did an event at My- tenders are contracted out. I send tential for growth. out a group message to them and in us and want to see us succeed."

Startup business costs included mobile bartending, which Miele

"There was a hunting cabin in ing the cleaning. There is a lot of October 2021, she is learning a lot this," she said. "She has been a about what it means to be a busi- stay-at-home mom most of her ness owner and feels there is po- life. It speaks volumes of her being

"The business never closes Most events for BarCODE are see who wants to do a job. We have when you own it," she said. "That gether. was the most eye-opening thing."

start the business, Miele gives her I take care of logistics," she said. mother all the credit for pushing "We have a good balance."

"I had brought the idea to her. erating BarCODE for many years She was the driving force. She to come.

Since launching BarCODE in convinced me that we should do the entrepreneur she is."

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She feels the two work well to-

"We have a good business re-Although it was her idea to lationship. She is more creative.

Meile foresees owning and op-

Above is one of the three trailers used as a mobile bar for events by BarCODE.

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MONTOURSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WINTER SOCIAL





Thank you, Simply Savor on the Fly and the Williamsport Regional Airport, for hosting this year's Montoursville Chamber of Commerce Winter Mixer. Guests enjoyed a delicious spread of food along with beverages provided by Rosko's Brew House.

E-Marketplace

Members, place your direct mail Marketplace flyer in our E-Marketplace Email blast for only \$75! Be viewed by an additional 3100+ subscribers. Fill out the Marketplace registration form in your monthly mailer and email a PDF of your flyer to thartle@williamsport.org. Questions? Call the Chamber at (570) 326-1971.

February PM Exchange/ Ribbon Cutting

The Meadows PM Exchange



Thank you to The Meadows, A Park Home Personal Home Care Community, for hosting the first PM Exchange of the year. Attendees were shown a presentation of their services and given tours of the rooms. They were treated to awesome hor d'oeuvres prepared by their Dietary department. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented for hosting a PM Exchange; (L to R) Jack McKernan, Park Home Board Member, Bethany McDonald, Membership Committee, James Gates, II, Park Home Board Vice President, Tim Martin, Admissions, Sales & Marketing, Jason Fink, Williamsport/ Lycoming Chamber of Commerce and Kelly Wike, Administator. Thank you for a wonderful evening!

High Knob Inn Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations High Knob Inn, on your ribbon cutting Saturday, January 7, 2023! New owners; Allison Linn, Collin Linn and Clint Varner, hosted an evening for the community to enjoy live music, complimentary appetizers, and a celebratory champagne toast. The inn is located at 388 Covered Bridge Road, Hillsgrove. (Pictured left to right) Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Jason Fink; PA Representative, Joe Hamm; Woodland's Bank, Tim Bennett; Co-Owner, Clint Varner; Co-Owner, Allison Linn; PA Representative, Jamie Flick; Co-Owner, Collin Linn; and Emily Linn.

Upcoming Events!

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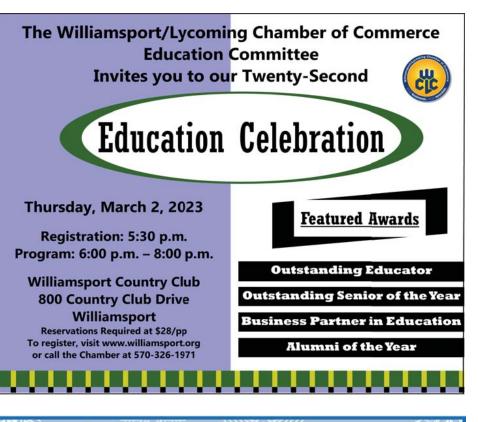
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