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From Jason's Desk

Jason Fink, President/CEO

Wow, did I hear from people when it hit the paper that TSA personnel were pulled from the airport. Many were surprised to know that there were people still assigned to it. This was more of a formality because they had already been sent to other airports to work since the ending of American Airlines service here in 2021. The announcement though, was another point in the importance of the efforts to secure another air carrier.

We've seen the County and private sector put funds up to match the Small Community Air Service Development grant that the airport secured. The airport staff is working all angles to bring in whatever regular service they can secure. This grant is a key part of all of the discussions being had with carriers. It provides a carrier to receive a guaranteed minimum amount of revenue when entering a new market as they build service.

Not having TSA personnel assigned will be an additional step that will be required once new service is secured. However, there should be enough time to arrange for that with the Department of Homeland Security when it is in place.

One key protection

that we lost over a decade ago was the Essential Air Services designation. This was a program implemented when the airline industry was deregulated back in 1978. It provided guaranteed service to those smaller airports in the program while also providing a set amount of funding to the airline servicing that program.

Williamsport had been an EAS community since the inception of the program. It did not choose to leave the program, but was a business decision by then US Air to give it up in order to win a competitive bid. Once they did that, we were out of the program with no way to get back in it.

That's why we need to be pushing our federal legislative delegation to reopen the program to get us back in it. No time is better to advocate for this to be done given that we're not the only ones seeing a loss of service. There are more airports seeing similar challenges as we are with the carriers stepping away from markets like ours. A sizeable 72% of US airports have substantially less air service today than before the pandemic, despite rising passenger demand.

The EAS program is one key element to

a quick remedy to our particular situation. Another important component is the real and growing pilot shortage which stands to worsen air service losses without addressing this issue.

On that front, the Chamber and the Williamsport Regional Airport have joined a national coalition, a Rally, to put focus on this challenge also facing air services. Over 300 airports have experienced reduced departures since the pandemic. The average service reduction across these airports are over 22% with 125 airports having lost more than 25% of their air service. Nine airports at this time, including Williamsport, have all scheduled commercial air services.

The pilot shortage is another major factor to the air service contraction. Large air carriers expect to hire more than 13,000 pilots over the course of this year, yet the FAA issued an average of just 6,335 new Airline Transport Pilot/Restricted Airline Transport Pilot certificates per year since 2013. During the pandemic years, those numbers dipped below 5,000 being certified in 2021.

One of the main reasons this is important to an airport like Williams-

port, is that major airlines primarily hire from smaller, regional air carriers, which provide the only source of air service to more than two-thirds of the country. With far fewer new pilots being produced to replace those being hired by the bigger carriers, it further exacerbates our challenge to secure a new carrier here. The good thing is that flight schools currently are full with most having a waiting list. However, this will need to be a key long-term focus because in the next 15 years we will lose 47% of the current pilots due to mandatory retirement, which is at age 65. A more pressing figure is that 13% of the pilots will be reaching that age over the next 5 years.

The Chamber intends to continue to work with the team at the airport in addressing the lack of a carrier. It's an important factor to the business community that regularly travels to meet with clients and customers or with corporate offices elsewhere. This is also key to showing people looking to relocate for a job that they can easily access a commercial airplane for leisure travel. You'll be reading and hearing more about this and other efforts. I would encourage everyone that wants service back, to reach out to our federal legislators to advocate for the reopening of the EAS program to enable our airport to once again be protected by it.

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Chamber Holds 137th Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

The Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce celebrated their 137th Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on February 23 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Attendees showed their appreciation by recognizing local companies as awards were presented to well-deserving members for their community accomplishments, innovation and overall volunteering within the Chamber and community.

The Phillips/Plankenhorn Small Business of the Year Award was presented to Genetti Hotel & Suites. Accepting the award was Gus Genetti from Gabe Sinicropi, Williamsport Crosscutters. This award was sponsored by C&N, First National Bank, First Citizens Community Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, Fulton Bank, Jersey Shore State Bank, Susquehanna Community Bank, The Muncy Bank & Trust Company and Woodlands Bank.

The Emerging Business Award was presented to Basil Wood Fired Kitchen and Lounge by Tim Keohane, Penn State Small Business Development Center, who also sponsored the award.

The Staiman Family Large Business of the Year Award was presented to Lycoming Engines by Phil Johnson, M&T Bank. M&T Bank sponsored the Staiman Family Large Business Award.

Congratulations to all the award winners!



Gus Genetti, center, receives the Phillips/Plankenhorn Small Business Award. From left, Gabe Sinicropi, Jr., Chamber 1st Vice Chair, Williamsport Crosscutters, Jason Fink, President/CEO, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Rob Glunk, Chamber Chair of the Board, The Muncy Bank & Trust Company.



Brooke Bishop and Greg Stine, Basil wood Fired Kitchen and Lounge, center, receive the Emerging Business Award. From left, Tim Keohane, Penn State Small Business Development Center, Rob Glunk, Chamber Chair of the Board, Brooke Bishop & Greg Stine, Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.



Shannon Massey, Lycoming Engines, center, receives the Staiman Family Large Business Award. Front row from left, Hannah Peachey, Shannon Massey, Jennifer Miller, Joel Harding. Back row from left, Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Rob Glunk, Chamber Chair of the Board, Kristen Avery, Kelvin Hart, Aaron Spotts.

Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce holds Winter Mixer



Members and friends of the Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce network at the Winter Mixer recently held at the Tiadaghton Inn in Jersey Shore.



Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce Winter Mixer

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

Leadership Lycoming's Local & State Government Day

The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2023 had their fifth Program Day; Local and State Government, beginning at First Community Foundation Partnership Philanthropy Center, downtown Williamsport. Hosts Mary Jo Westbrook, Class of 2020 and Harry Rogers, Class of 2004, welcomed the class and gave a little background of themselves to then introducing the first presentation; City Council Overview with Mayor Derek Slaughter and Councilmen Adam Yoder and Eric Beiter.

The class then had the opportunity to experience a question and answer session with the County Commissioners, Scott Metzger, Tony Mussare, and Rick Mirabito at the Executive Plaza in the Commissioners Board Room; followed by being able to sit in for a County Commissioners meeting.

The morning continued back at FCFP with a leadership discussion and workshop with Keith Kuzio, Principal, Intentional AdVennTures, and LL Class of '95.

Keith then kept the discussion going with the class during lunch which was provided by Kitchen Repose.

After lunch, the class traveled to the Lycoming County 911 Center for a tour and presentation of the 911 Center and Emergency Management by Jeffrey Hutchins, Director.

The afternoon wrapped up with a discussion with State Senator Gene Yaw and State Representative Jamie Flick.

Thank you to our Tier 2 sponsors, Leadership Lycoming Class of 2017 and McCormick Law Firm! Thank you to hosts Mary Jo Westbrook and Harry Rogers. And thank you to class reporter, Andrew Newcomb, Woodlands Bank.



The Leadership Lycoming class had sessions with, left, Representative Jamie Flick & Senator Gene Yaw, below, the County Commissioners, Scott Metzger, Rick Mirabito & Tony Mussare, and Mayor Slaughter and Council members, Adam Yoder and Eric Beiter.



Leadership Lycoming Holds Summit

Leadership Lycoming's Summit event was hosted at the Williamsport Country Club where the current Class of 2023 and fellow alumni had the opportunity to learn from Work Wisdom's President, Kedren Crosby on Organizational Culture Shaping.

A special thank you to our event sponsors Bald Birds Brewing Company, C&N Bank, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Range Resources, The Muncy Bank & Trust Company, McNerney, Page, Vanderlin, and Hall, and the Summit Committee, Brenda Nichols, Heather Allison, Donna Bastian, Karen Retorick.

Thank you to the Williamsport Country Club for hosting the 2023 Summit.

Thank you to the Summit Committee for all their assistance and planning; Heather Allison, Brian McClintock, Donna Bastian, Emilie Ertel, Karen Retorick, Sherry Paulhamus, Debi Smith Burch, Cheryl Yoxtheimer, and Meghan Quinn.



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FEATURE MEMBER

A hotel's nod to the past and focus on the future

By **MIKE REUTHER**
Sun-Gazette Correspondent

Over its many years, the historic Genetti Hotel has not only served as a grand lodging venue but has hosted a score of events featuring luminaries from the world of sports to politics and entertainment.

And yet, for many local people, it remains that local hotel they've come to know and admire for its charm and history and a place to go.

"I think everyone in town has been to a reception here," general manager Kathy Taylor said.

Located in downtown Williamsport, the Genetti is a throwback to a bygone era before the many chain hotels seemingly shaped from the same "cookie-cutter" mold began to dot the American landscape.

"We are 100 years old," Taylor said. "People like the character and historic look of the building."

The hotel has been honored by the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce as the Small Business of the Year.

With a nod to the past, but with its focus on the future, the hotel is a unique but an important part of the community.

The 10-story building at Pine and West Fourth streets commands the city's modest skyline and at night its decorative lights beckon motorists coming down into the city by way of Route 15.

The hotel features 205 rooms, a large ballroom, banquet rooms, a pool, and other services and amenities.

The Community Arts Center (CAC) and the many restaurants and stores of the downtown are within easy walking distance for Genetti visitors and guests.

Taylor noted that the Genetti has certainly benefitted from the CAC, the entertainment venue located next door to the hotel on West Fourth Street.

People who take in an event at the CAC often stop by the Genetti for dinner or a drink.

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A historical photo of the construction of the Genetti Hotel — originally called the Lycoming Hotel — 100 years ago.

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FEATURE MEMBER

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The opening in recent years of Windows on Fourth, a restaurant located on the hotel's ground floor, has brought more people to the Genetti.

"It was a matter of changing the atmosphere," Taylor said. "I'm hopeful to drive more traffic into the restaurant. We have drink specials. Entertainment on the weekends. The restaurant is open six days a week for dinner and seven days a week for breakfast."

The hotel, Taylor noted, was not exempt from the challenges many businesses faced during the COVID19 pandemic.

The hotel saw business drop off and the newly opened restaurant was forced to close for a time.

"The corporate business has not come back completely," Taylor said. "I'm hopeful for 2023. The use of the ballroom is almost what it was. Some of the larger events are coming back."

Taylor proudly noted that the Genetti remains the largest full-service hotel in Williamsport.

And, the list of notables who have stayed at the hotel continues, many of whom are captured in photos hanging along the walls of a hallway off the main lobby.

Among the hundreds of celebrity visitors and overnight guests have been: Gene Kelly, Clarence Darrow, Rita Hayworth, Carl Sandburg, Bob Dylan, and dozens of politicians including Robert F. Rich, John G. Snowden, Gov. Edward Martin, Robert Kennedy, and Gov. Tom Ridge.

The Little League World Series held each in August represents the busiest time for the hotel.

"We certainly try to customize things for guests and groups," Taylor said. "Our hot breakfast buffet is popular."

The ballroom has hosted numerous banquets and other events over the years.

Owned by Gus Genetti, the hotel's history can be traced to 1920 when members of the Williamsport Board of Trade decided the city needed a grand hotel.

The Williamsport Hotels Company applied for a charter and launched a campaign and numerous businesses canvassed the city for pledges toward the building.

Buildings on the former Breining Store site were razed and excavation began in April 1921.

Formerly named The Lycoming, it opened in June 1922.



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A recent wedding party celebrates the occasion outside the Genetti Hotel along William Street.

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LEGACY MEMBER

After nearly two centuries, manufacturer looks to grow

By **MIKE REUTHER**
Sun-Gazette Correspondent

Lycoming Engines is one of Williamsport's bigger employers, a manufacturer of piston aircraft engines, with a firm place in the community looking to further grow.

Shannon Massey, senior vice president of the sprawling plant at 652 Oliver St., noted that Lycoming Engines is not only a production facility but also an innovation and technology center.

The plant employs three shifts totaling approximately 500 people involved in areas of work that include assembling, testing, machining, and more.

"In the past two years, we've seen an increase in demand across general aviation, thus resulting in our growth and demand increase," she said.

The company has been recently granted the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce 2022 Staiman Large Business of the Year Award.

Lycoming Engines is the only manufacturer of FAA-certified aerobatic piston engines, positioning it to meet the strong demand for the product.

"Seventy percent of trainer aircraft engines are produced by Lycoming," Massey said. "We not only sell an engine to a new plane, but those engines are later rebuilt here too."

"We are currently expanding cylinder assembly fabrication to better meet our increasing demand. This also allows us to invest in research and development toward sustainable options as well."

The Federal Aviation Admin-



Shannon Massey, senior vice president of Lycoming Engines, left, and Matt Joiner, manager of marketing and communications, show off one of the jet engines that are displayed at the plant.

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istration and industry groups have agreed to eliminate the use of leaded aviation fuel by 2030.

"We want quality first and foremost," Massey said. "We build every engine as if we are going to fly it ourselves. That's the heart of it."

Lycoming Engines has a long and storied history, tracing its beginnings to 1845 as the Demorest Manufacturing Co. In the early years, the products were sewing machines, bicycles, typewriters, gas irons, and printing presses.

Later, the company transitioned into the Lycoming Foundry and Machine Co., focusing on the design and assembly of vehi-

cle engines.

Lycoming's first aircraft engine, the R-680, a 9-cylinder 200 horsepower piston radial, was built in 1929.

During World War II, the company, like many others, contributed heavily toward the war effort, building engines for military aircraft and tanks.

By the mid-1960s, Lycoming Engine's place in the industry was more than secure, with the major general aviation manufacturers of piston-powered aircraft using its engines.

"This is our 94th year in aviation and we continue to evolve," Massey said.

The engines produced at Lycoming power aircraft for the general aviation community, flight schools, mail carriers, humanitarian efforts, and aerobatic performance teams.

Workforce investment is strong, according to Massey.

She noted that the average employee has been with the company 24 years.

"From an employee perspective, it is a great place to work," Executive Assistant Staci Ellifant said. "The support of employees from supervisors is encouraging."

Added Matt Joiner, manager of Marketing and Commu-

nications, "It's the training and insight you get from having a dedicated workforce in a team atmosphere."

Massey noted a big part of Lycoming Engine's mission is about giving back to the community. And, that is most important since, as Massey noted, "We are only as strong as our community."

It means providing support to organizations and civic groups serving the area such as the North Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

Most recently, Lycoming Engines pledged \$50,000 to the Susquehanna Health Foundation to support the expansion of the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport over a 5-year period.

The company's growth can perhaps be tied to that strong community bond.

About 20 percent of the employee base is comprised of Pennsylvania College of Technology graduates.

A cooperative education program between Lycoming Engines and the college allows students to work part-time at the company while continuing their education.

Lycoming College has also sent graduating students to Lycoming Engines.

"Fifteen percent of our workforce is made up of veterans which I'm particularly proud of," Massey added.

She noted the company pays good wages, which also helps in retention and recruitment of good, longterm employees.

Operated and Owned in the U.S., Lycoming is a division of Avco Corporation, a subsidiary of Textron.

SMALL BUSINESS

Woman starts business to help people with problems

By **MIKE REUTHER**
Sun-Gazette Correspondent

Desiree Losell had been working in health care for years before heeding the call to switch gears while still using her experience and talents as a registered nurse.

She started Infinity Hydration & Wellness Bar to help people with some of their medical issues through alternative therapy.

"We are group of nurses. We are overseen by a medical director. Physician involvement is very important," she said.

Losell is among eight nurses who tend to the growing client base of her business located at 75 Chad Road near Lycoming Mall.

"People have to be cleared medically," she said. "Not just anybody can walk in off the street."

Some of the health issues people come to Infinity Hydration include help for low energy, viral infections, and migraines.

Depending on the medical issue, people undergo IV infusions, vitamin injections, PEMF therapy, and medical weight loss therapy, and more.

"We have a lot of athletes who come in for endurance and performance needs," she said. "We don't say anything is a cure. We do very well with dealing with symptoms."

The best aspect of Infinity Wellness, she said, is the rewarding feeling she gets from helping people.

"We get a lot of return clients," she said. "I would say the majority of our clients return."

Losell is a registered nurse who, by her own admission, became "burned out" during the COVID-19 pandemic and wanted something different.

She attended a conference in Kentucky and initially learned Pulsed Electro-Magnetic Field Therapy (PEMF) used to stimulate and exercise cells to help resolve cellular dysfunction and support wellness.

PEMF has been described as a therapy that treats cells like batteries.

She drew up a business plan and initially opened for business at the site of Wolf Run Vet Clinic near Pennsdale.

She credited Josh Phillips, who managed the Vet Clinic, with helping her learn more about and get started in business.

"I started drilling him with questions on how to be successful on having a business," she said. "I found it was important to be organized and focus on one thing at a time."

She worked hard to get the word out about Infinity Wellness and attract business.

Being a nurse, she felt some people did not initially take her seriously as a businessperson.

She pressed on, despite her own reservations about the desire for and knowledge about alternative medicine in his area and people telling her she would be shut down.

She now has hundreds of clients.

"We get clients as far away as The Poconos and State College and upstate New York," she said. "I didn't expect to be as busy as we are."

To be considered as clients, people can call for appointments and fill out a medical history.

"We are very medically based. We operate in compliance," she said.

Overall, Losell said she is hap-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Relaxation time for clients at Infinity Hydration & Wellness.

py with her decision to change up career plans and start her own business.

"I would say this isn't a job," not work." she said. "This might be the easiest job I ever had. If you enjoy it's

She plans to eventually open another location.

NEW MEMBER

Restaurant owners find their niche in Muncy

By **MIKE REUTHER**
Sun-Gazette Correspondent

Brooke Bishop and Greg Stine had a successful catering business in the South but moved home to central Pennsylvania where they opened a restaurant.

Basil Wood Fired Kitchen and Lounge, 213 N. Main St., Muncy, is a full-service restaurant open for lunches and dinners.

The Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce has recognized the restaurant as the Emerging Business of the Year.

Located in what was formerly a fire department social hall, the restaurant offers plenty of space for personal dining, as well as events.

Stine and Bishop are a husband-wife team who bring years of culinary and restaurant experience to their business venture.

"I do all the marketing, the menu development. I manage and fill in where needed," Bishop said.

Stine serves as director of operations and can often be found in the kitchen and working the wood-fire pizza oven.

They take pride in the many menu offerings.

"Our pork chops sell amazing well," Bishop said. "We do well with our fresh catch of the week."

Parmesan Crumb Flounder is another popular menu item as well as Basil's truffle fries.

"We have really good rib-eyes," Stine added.

The menu items, Stine noted, "are adjusted accordingly."

"If something isn't selling, we take it off," he said. "We used to do a lot more specials."

"It's not just about getting a bite to eat," Bishop said. "It's concentrating on quality and the customer."

Tyler Wood, who serves as executive sous chef, "shares the same passion for quality, professionalism in hospitality, and talent in the kitchen" as the Bishop and Stine.

Spacious banquet rooms allow for special



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Greg Stine loads a pizza into a wood-fired oven.

events such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, and other celebratory occasions.

"We can do private events for 100 people," Bishop said.

"People are realizing they are getting a good experience here," Stine said.

Stine, a Clearfield native, and Bishop, who grew up in Montgomery, had been looking to change up their career plans following the birth of their daughter in 2018.

Looking to move to central Pennsylvania and closer to family, they found the site in Muncy for sale. They ended up selling their catering business in Charleston, South Carolina, and planning for their next venture.

They recalled the challenges of opening

their restaurant during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Initially, dining was limited to outside seating and renovations to the building were delayed.

By 2021, when COVID restrictions were lifted, Basil opened its doors to allow a full dining experience.

Stine said Basil is the sort of restaurant that caters to different customers, whether they are looking for wood-fired pizza or a good steak.

"We want everybody to come in," Stine said. "We don't want to alienate anybody."

Basil also includes a full-service bar.

Events by Basil caters celebrations and re-

ceptions in the restaurant's private space for up to 80 guests and for larger events.

Off-site catering is also available.

Owning and operating a restaurant is a lot of work, but Bishop and Stine consider it a labor of love.

"If you enjoy what you are doing, it's not work," Bishop said. "It's a lifestyle. When you get up in the morning, it's the first thing you think about."

They give a lot of credit to their employees for making the business work.

"We have a great team," Bishop said.

Fridays and Saturdays are the busiest days.

Their plans include possibly opening a second restaurant.

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 2nd Quarter for their high school and for their hard work and achievements. **Congratulations!**



Sara Stroup
Hughesville High School



Alexis Whitehead
Loyalsock High School



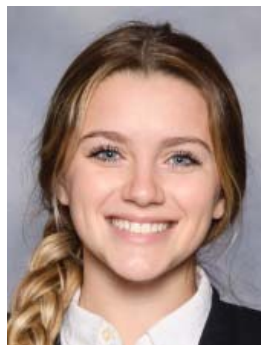
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Montgomery High School



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Montoursville High School



Avery Bigelow
Muncy High School



Lily Reid
St. John Neumann
Regional Academy



Alexandria Chilson
Williamsport Area
High School



Samantha Knepp
Jersey Shore Area
High School



Preston Monoski
South Williamsport
Area High School

YWCA PM Exchange



Thank you to the YWCA of Northcentral PA for a great PM Exchange. Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the YWCA and their programs. Kirk Fisher, Membership Committee, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the staff (front row l to r); Grace Maneval, Erin Timmins, Delvonne Williams, Dawn Linn, Brittany Fischer, (back row l to r); Beth McClain, Kiersten Miller, Rachel Livermore, Amanda Wright, Amber Morningstar, Kahlie DeHotman.

Charli Mae's Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations Charli Mae's Boutique on your grand opening and ribbon cutting Saturday, February 4, 2023! The new boutique at 2727 PA-405 in Muncy offers quality, handpicked, women & children clothing, shoes & accessories. (Picture from left to right) Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Membership Development & Retention Committee, Amy Alexander and Jennifer Rempe; Cody Stryker holding daughter Charli Mae; Owner and Charli's mother, Tabitha Stryker; Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Jason Fink.

Upcoming Ribbon Cutting

W. B. Konkle Memorial Library – newly renovated

Friday, April 14, 2023 | 1:00 PM

384 Broad Street, Montoursville

W.B. Konkle Memorial Library's renovation project, Time to Refresh, is now complete. Join us in celebrating our newly improved facility!

Any questions, call the library at (570) 368-1840.

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Bald Bird Brewing Company
220 Shaffer Lane, Jersey Shore PA
Friday, March 24, 2023
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
\$100 per ticket, Admits Two
A Chance to Walk Away with \$3,000!



THROUGHOUT THE EVENT, TICKETS ARE DRAWN AT RANDOM AND ELIMINATED. WHEN ONLY 3 TICKETS REMAIN, THE TICKET HOLDERS MAY CHOOSE TO SHARE \$3,000 OR CONTINUE THE ELIMINATION PROCESS TO INCREASE THEIR PRIZE AMOUNT, WHICH MEANS...

...ONE LUCKY PERSON COULD HAVE A CHANCE TO WALK AWAY WITH \$3,000!

MARCH 24, 2023
5:30-7:30 PM
BALD BIRDS BREWING COMPANY
220 SHAFFER LN
JERSEY SHORE, PA

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Food & Beverage Sponsor \$250	Table Sponsor \$500	Event Sponsor \$750
1 Admission Ticket	2 Admission Tickets	3 Admission Tickets
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Twenty 50/50 Tickets	Forty 50/50 Tickets	Eighty 50/50 Tickets
	1 Reserved Table (8)	1 Reserved Table (8)



Lycoming County Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund

The Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) provides low-interest loans to developers and grants to non-profits and local governments for the cleanup of contaminated sites.



RLF Overview

The Lycoming County Revolving Loan Fund Program, funded by an \$800,000 U.S. EPA award, makes loans and grants available for site remediation and subsequent redevelopment. The goal of the program is to return Lycoming County Brownfield sites to productive use. Lycoming County has lead a brownfield program since 2005 and has inventoried over 80 sites and conducted over 30 site assessments through its program.

Contact

Jenny Picciano/ Community Development / Lead Planner
Lycoming County Department of Planning & Community Development
570-320-2136 • jpicciano@lyco.org

Acceptable Use of Funds

- Cleanup of hazardous substances and/or the mitigation of threatened release of hazardous substances
- Preparation of Remedial Action Workplans
- Construction of a site's engineered remediation cap which could include foundations/ roadways
- Demolition of structures to the extent that the demolition is integral to accessing contamination
- Site monitoring and data collection

Terms and Conditions

- Grants available for municipal and non-profit entities
- Loans for private entities
- Low interest rates and flexible repayment terms determined on a case-by-case basis
- All sites and work subject to EPA approval and site cleanups overseen by PA DEP Act 2 Program
- Davis Bacon Act wage rates, wage notices, and payroll required
- No-prepayment penalties
- 20% match requirement



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