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Welcome new members!

Busy month for ribbon cuttings

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From Jason's Desk

Jason Fink, President/CEO

What great weather we've been having. I realize that we do need some rain but can't complain about not being able to get outside and enjoy the late spring weather we've been having. We really do have it great here if you enjoy being in the outdoors.

One of the new additions to the area that I look forward to visiting on a regular basis is Today Farm in Muncy. Josh Leidhecker, who also owns Susquehanna Mills, recently purchased the former Tom Styer Farm adjacent to the **UPMC** Muncy Valley Hospital. They have some great farm-focused activities there in addition to a market, music. food and Bullfrog Brewery beer on tap.

Having grown up in the Montgomery/Elimsport area, I very much appreciate the work of our local farmers. They provided me with the opportunity to work outside and make a few dollars during the summer. It also provided me a solid foundation for hard work, whether it was my first farm job picking strawberries at the Blessing Farm, detasseling corn for Muncy Chief Hybrids, or bailing hav at the Drick Farm in Elimsport. Hopefully, Today Farm will provide people with

the opportunity to learn more about the farming industry in our area while also enjoying some of its byproducts.

Being over in that area more this spring, it hit me how much the Clinton, Brady and Washington Township areas have seen more Amish families moving into their communities. I can still remember when the first Amish family moved into the county back in 1977 when I was in second grade at Montgomery. The reason for the vivid memory is because they were the first and had children. There were no Amish schools established in the area for them to attend. That meant that for their first year, they went to Montgomery and rode the school bus with us. One of the children was in my grade and rode the bus with me that year. His family still is farming in the Clinton Township area.

While we've seen growth in the Amish sector, there are many areas of the county that are seeing a decline in residential population. It's something that I've addressed before in previous columns. One of the major challenges for us in attracting new people to the area is the lack of market-rate housing. It's becoming a major focus

not only in our county, but much of rural Pennsylvania. Senator Yaw has recently hosted two separate hearings in Williamsport where this issue was discussed.

It's been a challenge

for us given the demand

for employees from existing companies and new ones coming into the market. That's why we were supportive of the market-rate townhomes that were being proposed in the City's west end. This was a development being advanced by a very reputable local developer looking to add 102 townhomes. This would have added to the tax base given that it was being built on 4 acres of undeveloped land. The land was split among 3 individual lots with 2 of them being zoned residential and the other as light industrial. This development required a variance given that the one parcel was zoned light industrial. Unfortunately, this variance was not approved with one of the hearing board members questioning the demand for housing in the market. All one needs to do is talk to a realtor and you can quickly hear from them the lack of marketrate housing here in the market. Hopefully, this gets addressed and the project moves forward. We need more options in

CORRECTION

In the May 2023 Chamber Connection Feature Member article on Swift Kennedy and Associates, all comments were those of Jerry Calistri, not Bill English as mentioned.

the market if we're going to reverse our population trend.

Normally, this would be the end of my column for the month, but this month is not a normal month. At the end of June, the Chamber will see one of our long-tenured team members retire. Sharon Jones, who has been with us for 35 years, will be retiring on June 30. She has worked for 4 Chamber presidents having been hired by

Peter Loedding. Sharon has worked in almost every capacity during that time and has been the consummate team player here with the organization. In looking at those 35 years, she can walk away knowing that the Chamber and community is better because of her work here. Sharon may be retiring, but we expect to see her and her husband Scott active in enjoying their retirement.

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 Taryn Hartle at (570) 320-4209.

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Welcome New Chamber Members!

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Call Taryn Hartle at (570) 320-4209 or apply online at www.williamsport.org

Upcoming PM Exchanges...

World of Little League Museum

Thursday, June 8, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 pm 525 Montgomery Pike, US 15, South Williamsport

Join Little League International as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the reimagined World of Little League Museum, which first opened in 1982. See brand new exhibits and enjoy our renovated experience, as we countdown to the 2023 Little League Baseball World Series.

gladly be accepted.



Geisinger Medical Center Muncy

Thursday, June 22, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 pm 255 US Rt. 220, Muncy

Join Geisinger Medical Center Muncy (GMCM) for our PM Exchange at our facility on Route 220. Tours of the facility will be included, highlights of the services offered, a surgical robot demonstration, Life Flight, health screenings, a chance to talk with our providers and staff, refreshments, and giveaways. The New Love Center's Mobile Food Pantry will be on site. Donations will Geisinger

Ralph S. Alberts Company

Thursday, June 29, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 pm 60 Choate Circle, Montoursville

The Ralph S. Alberts Company is celebrating our 60th anniversary this year. Please join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and live entertainment. Tour our manufacturing facility for an opportunity to see our unique capabilities, services, and products firsthand.



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

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Upcoming PM Exchanges



Transitional Living Centers - Thursday, July 13 Residence Inn - Thursday, July 27 Nippenose Valley Village - Thursday, August 10

Watch for more information!

May PM Exchanges/Ribbon Cuttings

Farrington Place PM Exchange



Thank you to to Farrington Place for hosting a wonderful PM Exchange celebrating their 10 Year Anniversary. Attendees were treated to great hors d'oeuvres, desserts, a specialty drink, and music. Chamber members were able to view examples of tables which depicted all the events they can offer. Anna and Eric Winters accept a Certificate of Appreciation from Michelle Lawson, Chamber Membership Committee. Thanks for a great evening!

UPMC PM Exchange at New Trail



Thank you to UPMC for hosting Chamber members for their PM Exchange at New Trail Brewing Company. Attendees were greeted by UPMC employees, treated to food trucks, drinks from New Trail, music, and the opportunity to tour the Susquehanna Regional EMS trailer and learn more about "When Minutes Matter". Accepting a Certificate of Appreciation is Patty Jackson-Gehris, President of UPMC, along with Tony Bixby, Kari Kurtz, Bethany Thompson, Chamber Membership Committee, Alonzo Estep, and Ken Kihlthau. Thank you for a wonderful evening!

Arrow & Thread Ribbon Cutting



Arrow & Thread, located at 424 William Street in downtown Williamsport, celebrated their grand opening & ribbon cutting during the May First Friday! (From l to r) Ken Willis, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee; Evelyn Boyer, Stella Boyer, Alicia Boyer, Owner of Arrow & Thread; Harvey Boyer, Ryan Boyer; and Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.

The Shoppe on Broad Ribbon Cutting



The Shoppe on Broad, located at 346 Broad Street, Montoursville, celebrated their one-year anniversary on May 13th with a ribbon cutting & open house. The beautiful boutique is the place to find apparel, accessories and more. (From l to r) Commissioner Scott Metzger, Jolee, Kaitlyn; Chris Sherwood and Rilissa Nettling, Owners; Grace; and Bethany McDonald, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee.

May Ribbon Cuttings continued

Embellish Salon Studio Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations, Embellish Salon Studio, on your grand opening & ribbon cutting at 140 W. 4th Street in downtown Williamsport! Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Myla Thomas, Leah Foresman, Andria Miville, Abigail Simon, Jessica Malicky; John Kramer & Ashley Kramer, Owners of Embellish Salon; Saige Miller, Michele Foresman, Hanna Ungard-Roupp; and Amy Alexander & Ken Willis, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee.

Producers Supply Company Ribbon Cutting



Today Farm Ribbon Cutting



Saturday, May 6th, was a beautiful day to help celebrate the Grand Opening of Today Farm at 215 Shady Lane, Muncy. (From l to r) Williamsport Mayor, Derek Slaughter; Alicia Koch, Bullfrog Brewery; April Line, Today Farm; Josh Leidhecker, Today Farm; Steve Koch, Bullfrog Brewery; Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; and Bob Koch, Bullfrog Brewery.

Producers Supply Company is a leading independent oil-field supply company with a new location at 3024 Lycoming Creek Road, Williamsport. Local businesses and community members enjoyed lunch and welcomed PSC to Lycoming County at their ribbon cutting & open house. (From l to r) Travis Van Olst, Ann Lucas, Nelson Mitzen, Teresa Loreman, Sara Schake, Jasper Schroder, Gary Bowers, Kaitlyn Bowers, Dustin Jamison, Joe Spiker, Shawn Winkleman, and Don Miller.

LIVIC Civil Ribbon Cutting

Welcome, LIVIC Civil, to Lycoming
County! LIVIC Civil is a civil engineering firm located at 635 N. Loyalsock Ave,
Montoursville. (From l to r) Jason Fink,
Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; LIVIC Civil: Brittany Hackenberg,
Sarah Booher, Catherine Wilsbach, Corey
Johnson, Rob Bastian; Principal, Drew
Barton; Justin Jackson, Jesse Smith,
Andy Keister; Principal, Justin Ross;
Drew Shultz; Representative Joe Hamm;
LIVIC Civil: Eric Sechrist, Jett Dickey,
Dave Hanes, Nick Gehr, and Lucas Cole.



FEATURE MEMBER



Elerv Nau Hardware, 917 Broad St., Montoursville, has been a staple of the region since 1946. The owners and managers are proud of the store's helpful staff. "We've been very fortunate. A majority of my staff has actually retired and most of them come from retired professions. HVAC, electrical, General Maintenance, those types of things," Paul Early, one of the co-owners,

Elery Nau Hardware proud of knowledgeable staff

By BETHANY BARRETT

Sun-Gazette correspondent

Elery Nau Hardware, located at 917 Broad Street in Montoursville is a one stop shop for hardware supplies.

The shop offers electrical supplies, plumbing supplies, lawn and garden products and more.

"People will come to us and ask us about the painting projects, about electrical projects. Just general, 'How do I fix this?' in a plumber' 'Can I do it myself?" Paul Early, part owner of Elery Nau Hardware said.

professional experience, are ready to answer any questions customers might have.

"We've been very fortunate. A majority to of my staff has actually retired and most

of them come from retired professions. HVAC, electrical, General Maintenance, those types of things," he added.

Elery W. Nau and his wife, Betty, started their business in 1946. Later on, Elery's son and son-in-law, Tom and Gary became managers of the store.

"They opened an appliance store. And over the years, the building we're currently in, the first portion that was built in 1950. They had appliances and they started adding electrical goods and some small 'What am I doing here?' 'Do I need to call hardware items over the years, but it's just grown," Early said.

Elery Nau Hardware again changed ownership this past January. The business The staff, most of which have long-term is now owned by Early, Carrie Bennett and Jeff Allergucci.

> "Our customers have things certain expect (See ELERY NAU, Page 8)



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LEGACY MEMB



MIKE REUTHER/Sun-Gazette Correspondent

Keith Hans founded Hans CedarDale Satellite Inc., located at 3402 Route 220, between Hughesville and Pennsdale.

Hans CedarDale Satellite is a family business

By MIKE REUTHER

Sun-Gazette Correspondent

Hans CedarDale Satellite Inc. is a small, family-owned business located near Hughesville with a wide customer base and out of home," she said. a nearly 40-year history.

Tammy Hans can be found most days at the business headquarters dealing with customers, talking on the phone, or attending to of customers. a myriad of other duties that keep her busy and patrons happy.

Business is good," she said. "It's very began working in the family business. fun. I can't imagine doing anything else."

family involved in the business started by over a large region. her parents, Keith and Jeanne.

At that time, her parents decided to she said. launch the business because they could not get cable TV where they lived outside Tur- ees including those involved in sales or

"He (Keith) started it as a side business

Those were the days, Tammy recalled, of said. "We are excited." the infancy of TV satellite systems, with the large metal dishes usually located in yards ers is the bread and butter of the business. Dale was not one of them.

Hans CedarDale Satellite grew and relo- curity services and TV sales. cated to Hughesville in 1991 when Tammy

Over the years, Hans CedarDale has fairs, and other events. Tammy is the second generation of her grown to some 12,000 customers spread

"Lycoming County has been good to us," Fair," she said. "We try to support as many

The business has five full-time employ- tant." technical support.

"We were just nominated for Retailer of social media. the Year through DISH Network," Tammy

Installation of service of DISH custom-Hans CedarDale also offers internet and se-

The business is a visible part of the com- a lot of people depended on their TV." munity, often appearing at home shows,

"We do the Lycoming County Fair, the lot of referrals. Bloomsburg Fair, and the Clinton County

businesses as we can. I think that's impor-

Tammy noted that the business does a lot of advertising through print, radio, and

Many businesses suffered through economic downturns during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, but Hans Cedar

"We were deemed an essential business because of the internet," Tammy said. "Also,

Overall, customer support is an important part of the business, and that leads to a

(See HANS CEDARDALE, Page 8)

Elery Nau Hardware proud of staff

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come to expect a certain level of custom- us all as family, from company picnics to afer service," Early said. "They've come to ternoon outings, Christmas parties, that type expect what kind of products we carry, the knowledge our staff has," he added.

family dynamic of the long-time business.

"Our employees have come to be expectthing and not have to worry about their life naustruevalue.

that way," Early said. "Gary and Tom treated of stuff. They've always treated us well. And I've always cared for what's going on in our The new owners hope to carry on the lives. Why didn't I really want to see it go

To learn more about Elery Nau Hardware, ed and quite honestly deserve to be paid fair- visit their website www.elerynauhardware. ly, to have benefits, vacations, that type of com or at Facebook at www.facebook.com/

Hans CedarDale Satellite is a family business

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Many are the days, when a customer future for the business. stops by the Hans CedarDale office along Route 220 in Wolf Township to ask Tammy a question about service or to add a chan-

"It's all about taking good care of peo- customers. ple," Tammy said. "I think that is the only way you stay in business as long as you Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

With new technology and expanding at www.hanscedardale.com.

streaming services, Tammy sees a bright

As just one example, she noted that in the fall YouTube will integrate with the popular NFL game ticket to bring more professional football viewing options for

The Hans CedarDale office is open

More information about the business is





SMALL BUSINESS

Passion discovered in school becomes career, business

By SETH NOLAN Sun-Gazette Correspondent

When Dan Brink was a senior in high school, he had to pick a potential career and research it. "I chose welding, because I enjoyed metal shop class," Brink said.

It was a fortuitous choice, because it led him to study welding at Pennsylvania College of Technology and begin his career in the field he showed such a significant interest

"I worked in the field for a year, but was just not feeling fulfilled," Brink said. "One day I was given the opportunity to start a welding business."

So in January of 2008, during the recession, Brink took a risk and began his own business. "I decided to go work for myself so that I can steer my future on the path that I chose," Brink said.

Using the experience he gained working for his father's business for a decade, Brink has grown his business.

tion has expanded to include maintenance and repair operations for local manufacturing; that involves welding, fabrication, machining, millwright, line boring and powder coating. "And for a little laughter, 10 employees. we seem to be paramedics for emergency calls for the local manufactur- pany, they have worked on and coning business 24/7," Brink said.

little fun.

"For humor, we fix plenty of pawe get to interact with are great and would out-grow the shop size." it breaks up the daily hustle of what we typically do.



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Brink's Welding and Fabrica- Brink's Welding and Fabrication has expanded to include maintenance and repair operations for local manufacturing; that involves welding, fabrication, machining, millwright, line boring and powder coating.

teract with the residents and have a and highway structures for the New square foot space. Jersey Turnpike.

toursville," Brinks said. "The people years it seems that the business getting involved with today," Brink ties to better their career and fami-

Brink started out in a 600 square-

Brink has worked hard to expand "Then we grew into a 1,200 square operation alone, and considers him-themselves." his business to what it is today, op- foot space, then built a new 2,400 self lucky to have found the employerating within a 2-hour radius with square foot shopt overtop of the curees that he has over the years. rent shop and tore the shop down Although they are a local com- from the inside," Brink said.

tributed to large, out-of-state pro- and moved into a 6,400 square foot grow and have built a strong team happy. Rooted in Montoursville, Brinks jects including fabricating seismic space, then to 13,000 square feet, capable of providing the services we appreciates any opportunity to in- panels for a hospital in Los Angeles and is now currently in a 40,000 offer to a high standard," Brink said. themselves," he said. "I want every-

with team members over the years people who hold those same values He quickly outgrew that space that have also allowed Brink's to of the willingness to take risks to be

Looking ahead, Brinks plans to one to prosper." "We've been in our current space continue to make their employees "We've seen rapid growth over for the past 3 years and are needing a priority. "The business plan is to the customer base and be the go-to tio chairs for the residents in Mon- 15 years," Brink said. "Every two more space for the projects we're continue to give our staff opportunily without holding their potential," for all the opportunities we have Like any successful business, Brink said. "The sky's the limit been given and always try to pass it foot wooden lean-to-style shed. Brink can't operate that large of an and we support those who invest in forward."

Brink, whose feelings of being unfilled led him to starting his busi-"The business has been blessed ness from the ground up, supports

"We support those who invest in

Brinks said he wants to expand company for what they do.

"We here at Brink's are grateful

NEW MEMBER

Shoppe on Broad 'excited to welcome new regulars'

By SETH NOLAN

Sun-Gazette Correspondent

As the Shoppe on Broad celebrates a little over a year since opening, owners Christy Sherwood and Rilissa Nettling look back on how it all began.

"We were two best friends who love to roam and shop," Sherwood said.

After visiting Jim Thorpe and seeing the variety of unique small-shops the town had to offer, the pair began to create a vision for what they wanted to do.

"We knew we wanted that on Broad Street, in Montoursville," Nettling said. "We stepped out in faith and when the opportunity opened right away we prayed about it. We knew we had to join the Broad Street crew. Broad Street has some fantastic shops and eateries and we wanted to add to the experience."

The shop, at 346 Broad St., Montoursville, officially opened in March of 2022 and has become a culmination of all of the things Sherwood and Nettling loved about shopping in the area.

"The Shoppe on Broad is a blast from the past nowadays," the pair said. "It is Hallmark and Fashion Bug with Christian Bookstore and TJ Maxx all rolled into one. It's a place to relax, renew, and get some ideas and great gift ideas, along with a fantastic outfit."

The business is family owned, with best friends, children, and grandchildren all working together, all rooted in a Montoursville identity.

"We are Montoursvillians and our children were all raised here," Sherwood said. "Being in the heart of smalltown Pennsylvania does something to the soul. We truly love our neighbors and hope to be an asset, as they are a true asset to us. We love the daily conversations and visits from our regulars and locals. You haven't experienced small town life until you have a visit from your local Bob one in their daily faith walk." Lee and Aaron Miller."

Although there are daily challenges and drastic changes to the economy and retail, the Shoppe prides itself on a sol- that would open up opportunities for artists to showcase id relationship with the local community.

"We absolutely love our private, local talent," both Sherwood and Nettling said. "Right now, we have a couple that are truly talented with their beautiful jewelry and candles. Our clothing line is something we are proud of because it to open it up to the community soon." reflects what we love: comfort, casual, and just plain pretty. We really strive to purchase items made in the USA."

Faith plays a big part in what the pair are doing and what through Saturday. they offer customers. "That's the other thing that brings us comfort daily is our own personal walks of faith," Nettling



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The Shoppe on Broad offers a variety of merchandise, with owners Christy Sherwood and Rilissa Nettling describing the retailer as "Hallmark and Fashion Bug with Christian Bookstore and TJ Maxx all rolled into one."

said. "The books and devotions we offer can really aid any-

As the shop celebrates and year and begins getting out friends, and elbow grease." the "new" phase, Nettling and Sherwood have new ideas their work.

"This would open up to neighbors and friends to have a home to showcase their talents and possibly make some extra money. This is the planning stage, and we are excited

The Shoppe on Broad is closed with appointments only on Sunday and Monday. They are open at 10 a.m. Tuesday

To see their full hours of operation and more about them, visit theshoppeonbroad.com.

"We are excited to welcome new regulars," they said. "The whole process for us was truly prayer, faith, family,



Leadership Lycoming's Environment & Energy Day

The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2023 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 continued on to East Lycoming School District, and toured the boiler room and heard from the engineering firm, McClure, that constructed and installed the boiler. The tour was accompanied by Bryan McCaffery, Director of Buildings and Grounds, East Lycoming School District.

The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2023 toured the Landfill and found a safe spot to have a class photo to remember the day!

The students at the East Lycoming CTC program welcomed the class for a 3 course lunch prepared by the students of the culinary arts program, led by Brian Anstadt. During lunch, the class heard from students and teachers from different programs within the CTC program, hosted by Nathan Minium, Executive Director, Lycoming Career and Technology Center.

The class traveled by a River Valley Transit bus to the Hamilton Patriot Power Plant for a tour and presentation by Sean Davis, Plant Manager.

The day ended at the First Community Partnership Foundation, with a presentation by Tracie Witter, Regional Affairs Director, PPL Electric Utilities.

Following the PPL presentation, was a presentation and overview of the Marcellus Shale in Lycoming County by Matt Henderson, Henderson Consulting Services.

The afternoon wrapped up with a presentation from Kirby Steck, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Range Resources, on environmental initiatives.

Thank you to our sponsors PPL Electric Utilities, Range Resources, High Steel Structures, West Pharmaceuticals and IBG Business. A special thank you to River Valley Transit for the transportation throughout the day. Thank you to our class reporters, Brenda Wiegand, Penn College, and Teresa Wilson, Geisinger.

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The class toured the East Lycoming School District boiler room.



And the shirt says it all!



The class toured Hamilton Patriot Power Plant in Montgomery.

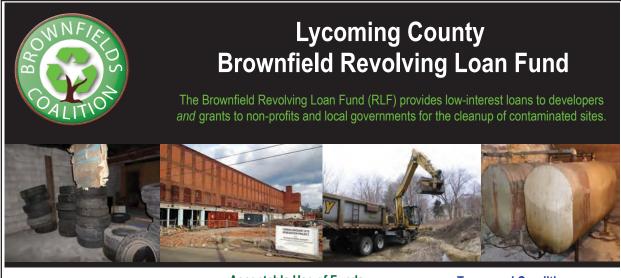
Jersey Shore and Montoursville Chamber FBLA Winners



The Gamble Farm Inn hosted the annual FBLA Award Ceremony and Legislative update for the Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce. Krista Gephart, Chair of the Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce presented Jersey Shore Area High School Seniors, Elijah Bower (first place) and Ryan Feger (second place) with award certificates & scholarship checks. Senator Gene Yaw's District Director, Matthew Wise; Representative Joe Hamm; and Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.'s Central PA Regional Manager, Elizabeth Kishbaugh each provided a legislative update.



The Montoursville Chamber of Commerce celebrated Montoursville Area High School Senior, Connor Imbro, winner of this year's FBLA Essay Scholarship Award. Representative Joe Hamm and Senator Gene Yaw shared an update with the group on topics including the annual budget, rural broadband access, Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) & PA stream cleanup.



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.

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- Preparation of Remedial Action Workplans
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- Site monitoring and data collection

Contact

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

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- Grants available for municipal and non-profit entities
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- 20% match requirement





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Member Renewals

Received between May 1, 2023 and May 31, 2023

Thank you to our renewing members!

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

First Year Renewal

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High Point Settlement, LLC
Make Art Supplies
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Members 2 - 5 Years

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Employee Assistance Program

Chamber Members now have the opportunity to provide an Employee Assistance Program benefit to their employees through an *exclusive* partnership with AllOne Health and the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce. Employee Assistance Programs offer short-term services including counseling, legal/financial consultations and work/life services.

To learn more about the benefit, or to enroll your employees, please contact the AllOne Health Sales Team at:

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Chamber Members...Have Your Business Featured in the Chamber Connection! It's Free!

Showcase your business in our monthly newsletter. It's published inside the Sun-Gazette on the first Wednesday of each month.

To be featured on the cover, we require 10+ years as a member. To be featured as a Legacy Member, we require 20+ years as a member.

Newer to the Chamber? Our 'New Business' and 'Small Business' features are a great way to promote yourself.

Contact Brittany Wittman at bwittman@williamsport.org or (570) 320-4202 for more information.



Members In The News...

Social Worker & Community Volunteer Awarded Annual Commitment to Caring Award

The 10th annual Dr. Alexander Nesbitt Commitment to Caring Award was presented to Fran Decker, a social worker and longtime volunteer of the American Cancer Society and the Alzheimer's Association. The presentation was made prior to Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak's annual educational seminar held in conjunction with National Healthcare Decisions Day on hospice and end-of-life care, on Tuesday, April 11.

A Geriatric Social Worker by trade, Fran earned her master's degree from West Virginia University. For more than 40 years, she has worked in the community in a variety of social service and health care settings including the Area Agency on Aging, Community Nursing Service, the American Cancer Society, Albright LIFE, and an elder law firm prior to retiring. She remains an active volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association, the American Cancer Society, and her church.

Fran's passion for helping others began as a young teenager when her mother passed away and she took care of her younger brother. Fran would go on to care for her bedridden father and also a sister who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. It was through this experience caring for her sister that ultimately pushed her to get more involved with the Alzheimer's Association.

In 2016, Fran spearheaded the development of the Covenant Café, an early stage Alzheimer's activity group that meets at the Covenant United Methodist Church in Lock Haven. This joint venture between the Outreach and Wellness Committee of Covenant United Methodist and the Alzheimer's Association gives participants an opportunity to be involved in socially and physically stimulating programs which helps them remain as active as possible. Over the years, the program has grown from only 4 or 5 people attending to more than double that amount coming out in support of each other. Fran also helps to facilitate the Clinton County Alzheimer's Support Group and annual Walk to End Alzheimer's.

In addition to her work at the Alzheimer's Association, Fran has also been heavily involved with the American Cancer Society. Colleagues have described her as very compassionate, hard-working, and an exceptional team player who always follows through. During her time at the cancer society, she started the Cancer Survivor Conference, which was held annually as a way for individuals whose lives were touched by cancer to share their personal wisdom and stories of encouragement. She also helps

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings/Open Houses

Ribbon Cutting & Open House: The Animal Hospital on the Golden Strip – New Location

Saturday, June 17, 2023 | Ribbon Cutting: Noon Open House: Noon – 2:00 pm 920 Washington Blvd., Williamsport

Ribbon Cutting & Open House: Garner Behavior Services

Saturday, July 8, 2023 | Ribbon Cutting: 11:00 am Open House directly following the ribbon cutting 138 Catawissa Avenue, Williamsport

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting: ModWash Laundromat

Friday, July 14, 2023 | Ribbon Cutting: 5:00pm Open House: 5:00 – 8:00 pm 324 Broad Street, Montoursville organize monthly support groups for cancer survivors and those struggling with mental health or bereavement issues.

Fran was the very first social worker on the interdisciplinary team at Albright LIFE. In this role, she provided social work services to Albright LIFE participants for community resource planning, counseling, and nursing home placement from the inception of the program until



her retirement. She is very passionate about social work, especially about working with the elderly to help them find the resources that will allow them to have a better quality of life.

The best adjective to describe Fran is selfless. For example, she is currently caring for a little yorkie for a woman who is having some mental health issues (and Fran isn't even a big fan of dogs)! But that's just the kind of person Fran is! She cares enough that she even has a family already lined up to adopt the dog should the woman not be able to return home.

This expansive dedication to helping others (including our four-legged friends) is why Fran Decker was selected this year as the recipient of the 10th annual Dr. Alexander Nesbitt Commitment to Caring Award.

The Dr. Alexander Nesbitt Commitment to Caring Award was developed by the elder care law firm of Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak in 2014. According to Attorney Julieanne E. Steinbacher, the award, inspired by Dr. Nesbitt, recognizes an individual(s) or nonprofit in the community who shows an extraordinary commitment to caring that improves the lives of others.

THE 34TH ANNUAL CHAMBERLINKS GOLF OUTING



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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!**



Katie Yerg Hughesville High School



Celia Shemory Jersey Shore Area High School



Tyler Wescott Loyalsock High School



Dylan Hill Montgomery High School



Emily Rakstraw
Montoursville High School



Patrick Zalonis Muncy High School



Evan Beiter Williamsport Area High School



Elliott McKelvey St. John Neumann Regional Academy



Benjamin Manning South Williamsport Area High School

About Our Members...

Intrada Technologies Announces Promotion

Intrada Technologies is proud to announce the promotion of Jennifer Daniel to Tier 2 Web Developer. Jennifer was initially hired as a Tier 1

Web Developer in January 2021.

As a Tier 2 Web Developer, the Penn Tech College graduate responsibilities include the development, troubleshooting, and maintenance of web applications, along with SEO management, Google/Bing ad management, and reporting. In addition, Jennifer has numerous certifications, including - SEO Toolkit Exam for Advanced Semrush Users, Semrush SEO Toolkit Course, Google Analytics for



Power Users, Advanced Google Analytics, and Google Ads Search Certification.

"Working for a small business like Intrada allows me to connect with clients, see projects through from start to finish, and learn a lot," Daniel said. "Our team works so well together, always willing to lend a hand and join forces when needed. Everyone is friendly and genuinely cares about one another."

David Steele, co-founder of Intrada Technologies, added, "As an IT company, we take pride in fostering a culture of growth and development. We're thrilled to announce Jennifer's promotion to Tier 2 Web Developer. We're confident that her skills, hard work, dedication, and experience will help us continue to provide top-notch services to our clients. Congratulations, Jennifer, on this well-deserved promotion!"

Intrada Technologies is a full-service web development and network management company focusing on creat-



ing ongoing, trusted partnerships with each of our clients. We ensure our clients have what they require to run their businesses with maximum efficiency and reliability, as many of their needs are mission-critical. Our unique, collaborative partnerships allow us to assure our clients that we will be there when they need us.

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