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Welcome new Chamber members

Veteran-owned andoperated JDog Junk Removal offers solution for all removal projects









#### From Jason Fink's Desk - President/CEO of the Chamber

Not sure about you, but I am wondering where 2024 went. Can't believe it's already December and we're already talking 2025. It's good to be seeing more positive news as we approach yearend. If you missed the announcement in November, Southern Airways is increasing their service at the airport by adding an early morning flight that will have you out before 6am. That's great news for those traveling on business that need connections to the main banks out of Dulles. After the word was announced, I was asked if I saw the negative reactions by people on social media to which I hadn't. If I lived my life based upon what keyboard warriors wrote, it would be a rather sad and negative one to live. One of the comments that was passed along is the continued one about how poor of a decision it was to build the terminal given that we hadn't had service for about 2 years and now we have just Southern Airways with their service. This will be my last time speaking to this as I remind people that this terminal project was started way before American Airlines chose to pull out. Construction was started in 2018 and it was wrapped up in 2020. I can still remember hearing from the director of the airport in mid-February 2020 that American Airlines was going to be starting jet service to Charlotte that September. Everyone was happy and praising the Authority for not only hiring him but also in making the investment in the new terminal that brought this new service. I don't really need to go any further as we know what happened in March 2020 which set into motion where we are today. One key point that I will continue to reiterate is that we unfortunately aren't the only small community airport that is struggling to regain their service. Go online and you can easily find stories in each state similar to ours here of those fighting to get back what they lost from the pandemic.

Besides the announcement by the airport, we saw construction starting at Maynard Street for the new Chick-fil-A that is slated to open in the first quarter of next year. That's one franchise that many have been wanting here in the county. Right beside it, they continue to work feverishly in getting the new Wawa built and open. It looks like from their progress that they should meet their targeted late January opening.

In November, we also heard about investments by the state into a school technical consortium and two area businesses to aid in their expansion efforts. Over \$10m was secured by Senator Yaw, Representative Hamm and Representative Flick to assist projects involving the Lycoming Career and Technology Center, The District at Lycoming Valley, New Trail Brewing, Valley View Rehab, South Williamsport Development and Economy Locker. Given that these projects require a minimum dollar-for-dollar match, you're talking about at least \$20m in new construction in the next year. It will easily be more than that knowing what's involved with the overall projects at LycoCTC and The District.

Commenting on a few of these, the LycoCTC project is one that has been in discussions for a couple of years which involves making much needed renovations and upgrades to their current facility that's located on the East Lycoming School District-Hughesville High School campus. The consortium is comprised of sending districts including East Lycoming, Loyalsock, Montoursville, Muncy, Benton, and Warrior Run School Districts. They've seen significant growth with student enrollment given the demand for technical trained students upon their graduation with local companies. This was a great win for our area industries seeing the project future needs in the labor market with the pending generational retirement of the Baby Boomers.

Investment at The District at Lycoming Valley will aid them with their plans to redevelop the over 118-acre site. What is now a pretty much dead retail site absent a few existing retailers, they are in negotiations with potential tenants that will not only transform the current site, but more importantly, enhance the region.

The funding for Economy Locker and its highly successful Country Store brand of meat products will afford them the opportunity to grow their production. This will allow them to reach into more markets, growing not only their market presence, but more importantly, add more jobs to the area to allow them to sell into many more markets than they currently do.

New Trail is one that should be looked at as a win for many businesses in the area. We know that they regularly have visitors from not only all over Pennsylvania but across the country making their way to sample their product brewed here in Williamsport. People that make that trip not only enjoy their beer, but they also tour other local breweries, distilleries and wineries. Along the way they also shop, dine and stay here in the county.

It's great to end the year with so much positive momentum in our community. As we close out a successful 2024, we are well-positioned to have an equally, if not more, successful 2025.



#### **Welcome New Chamber Members!**

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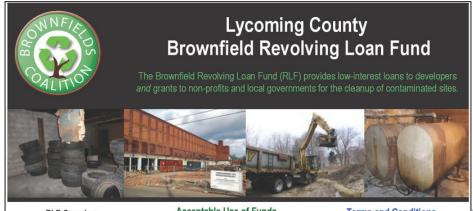
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#### **RLF Overview**

he Lycoming County Revolving Loan Fund rogram, funded by an \$800,000 U.S. EPA ward, 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. ycoming County has lead a brownfield program since 2005 and has inventoried over 80 sites and conducted over 30 site ssessments through its program

#### Acceptable Use of Funds

- Cleanup of hazardous substances and/or the mitigation of threatened release of hazardous
- 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

Jenny Picciano/ Community Development / Lead Planner ycoming County Department of Planning & Community Development 70-320-2136 jpicciano@lyco.org

#### Apply Online/ Information: https://www.lyco.org/brownfields

#### **Terms and Conditions**

- Grants available for municipal and non-profit entitie
- Loans for private entities
- Low interest rates and flexible repayment terms
- 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



### November Ribbon Cuttings





The Dream Big Boxing Foundation held their ribbon cutting at their location in the Pajama Factory. Their mission is to provide the children in our community with a place they can learn self-discipline, confidence, self-respect, courage, and strength.

The Bar on Market in Williamsport opened their cigar lounge with a ribbon cutting on November 22nd.

Guests were treated to food and beverage, as well as a DJ and after-party.



JDog Junk Removal and Hauling Williamsport held a ribbon cutting at the Lycoming County Veteran's Day parade. This veteran-owned company services the entire county.

Fair Play Distillers Downtown Ribbon Cutting
December 13, 2024
Ribbon Cutting at 5pm
442 William Street, Williamsport



Join brothers Damon and Drew Lomison and they hold a special ribbon cutting and grand opening at their new downtown tasting room.

# Annual Pie Day 5K Run/Walk a Big Hit!

On Thanksgiving morning, downtown Williamsport played host to the Annual Pie Day 5K Run/Walk, an event held by the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Be You Boldly. The Presenting Sponsor this year was Geisinger.

This year, over 700 runners and walkers registered for the event, and once again a portion of the proceeds will benefit K's For Cancer as well as the Livestrong Foundation at the YMCA.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers and especially those who braved the elements to make this our most successful event in the 8 year history.







# LEGACY MEMBER





PHOTO PROVIDED

Huffman's Office Equipment, 5318 Lycoming Mall Drive, Montoursville, offers a variety of furniture and office supplies.

# Huffman's Office Equipment offers personalized local service

By MATTHEW COURTER

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In a world dominated by online shopping and big box stores, Huffman's Office Equipment offers an option for those looking to shop locally for their office furniture and to the company, eventually setting focuses on office furniture, much the right furniture for their needs. supply needs.

Smith Printing in the late 1940's," explained current owner Jim Huffman.

and Steel was at a premium, so a ers, you name it," Huffman exdealer was only allowed to have plained. one major metal line of furniture, ond line, so he opened another

1952 and operated it from 1952 to out and deliver it. So that was much box stores, and you're not going to Google or Amazon or any of the

In 1981, Huffman took over the store, moving the business to the which resides at 5318 Lycoming former Sullivan Building downtown and adding the family name fers online shopping options and "This company was a spin off of burg, Bloomsburg, Berwick and dipping its toes into the stationary Wilkes, Barre.

"In those days, we sold office "In those days, it was war time machines, copiers, faxes, typewrit-stuff sprinkled in," he continued.

that portion from him in around delivery guy would take that stuff some mail order or even some big That's a service you don't get from different than it is today," he said.

These days, the company, are here," Huffman stressed. Mall Drive in Montoursville, ofup locations in Wellsboro, Lewis- of it American-made, while still

furniture, office supplies and office floor is mostly used, but some new

American company, and I like to plained. "I would go and physically take keep a few pieces of their product

get the same level of quality as you other mail order operations," he

Huffman's offers, but also customer assistance in determining just

"We do a lot of space planning, products," Huffman said. where we go out and measure the rooms, help the customer decide Clubs and the Walmarts have "What you see on my showroom what they want to put in that room and what fits what the individual employee that's going to go into tions," he continued. "I'm a Hon dealer. They're an that room needs," Huffman ex-

and old man Smith wanted a sec- orders by hand, come back to the around to show if anybody wants you buy something here. My inoffice, write the order up, give it to to look at sizes, shapes, colors, stallers go out, install it properly, or religion or government. It's the company called Office Equipment purchasing. Purchasing would then things like that. Hon has a great clean up afterwards, haul away the Company, and my father bought buy the stuff, and a week later, the guarantee, as opposed to going to cardboard, and make sure it's right.

said, stressing that the merchandise But its not only the furniture that he sells is often of much higher quality as well.

> "If I could make one point to your readers, its to buy American

> "The Amazons, Targets, Sam's blown away most of the small local businesses that had local connec-

"Those are the people that were your your basketball or soccer "We have free delivery, so if coach, that did community service of some kind, whether it be sports

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# EW MEMBER

# Veteran-owned and -operated JDog Junk Removal offers solution for all removal projects

By MATTHEW COURTER mcourter@sungazette.com

There is perhaps no greater to serve their country in the vari-ribbon cutting ceremony during however, transitioning back to ci- Muncy. vilian life can be one of the most difficult tasks a veteran can tackle. the couple opted to hold a tailgate

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling, served up food. a commercial hauling operation, looks to help lower the unemploy- community in a way where we ment rate by offering franchise were connecting with them," Katie opportunities to only veterans and explained. their family members.

company he was employed by for hauls to single item pick-ups. several years being bought out, business during a LinkedIn search.

chises out to veterans and veteran community. And it was a chance to and homeowners," Jeremy said. build something that I can do with Jeremy said.

come from military families, with pick that up as well," he added. Jeremy's father, brother and materthe U.S. Navy, and Katie's grandfathers having served in the military % of what they pick up out of the as well.

Jeremy spent 13 years in the as possible. U.S. Army as a truck driver, which raising their six children.

parent. Nobody recognizes them see if a family's in need of anything

that way, but in reality, that's what they spend half their time doing," Jeremy said.

The couple, who have been marsacrifice than those who choose ried 25 years, recently held their ous branches of the U.S. military, the recent Veterans Day parade in

Not having a physical office, With that problem in mind, party at the staging area, where they

"We just wanted to reach the

JDog Junk Removal offers a After losing his job due to the wide variety of services from large

"We've cleaned out hoarder Jeremy Lakes stumbled upon the houses where it's basement to attic, floor to ceiling, just stuff every-"It's a franchise that only fran- where, we've done above ground, pool tear downs, hot tub removals. family members, and it just really We've taken out smoke houses and resonated with me, because it's a sheds, and we've done quite a bit of way to continue giving back to the basement clean outs for landlords

"Even if they just have a single and possibly leave to my family," item they need to get rid of. We'll try to work that into schedule, and Both Jeremy and his wife, Katie, if we're in the neighborhood, we'll

A major focus of JDog Junk nal grandfather all having served in Removal is on recycling, with the company working to keep 60 to 80 landfill, recycling as much material

"We've dropped off at the West included tours in Iraq and Korea, End Community Center, we've leaving Katie to take the lead in donated to the American Rescue Workers, and we've taken a lot to "A lot of times the non-military Humanity ReStore. We'll contact parent basically operates as a single churches or something like that, to









A variety of images JDog Removal shares on social media shows the work the business does.

that's in good shape and can be reused," Katie explained.

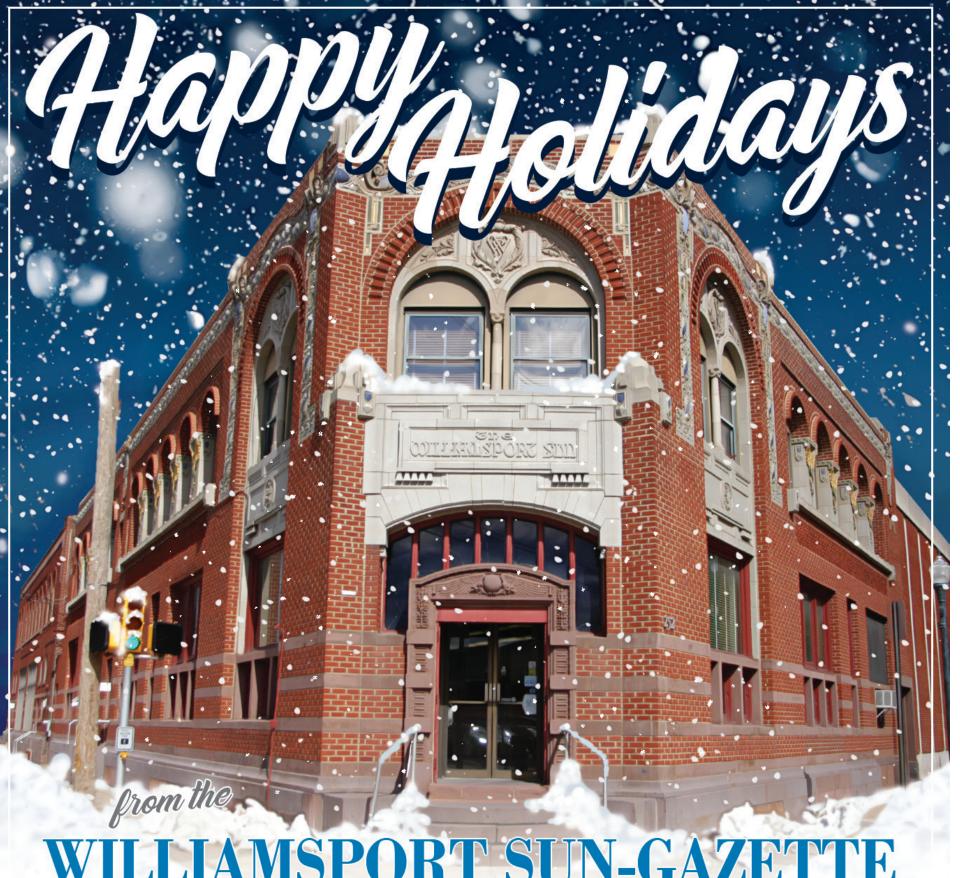
The Lakes' franchise covers from Lewisburg, along Interstate 180 to Mill Hall, but they also open to outlier communities such as Bellefonte, State College and Muncy Creek.

Unlike most hauling services, Jeremy and Katie are able to give customer estimates based off of photos of the area of concern, something Jeremy attributes to their many moves as a military family.

"Its like we've been training for

(See JDOG JUNK, Page 9)





# MSPORT SUN-GAZETI

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## Huffman's Office Equipment offers local service

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local companies whose employees and owners support those kinds of things," Huffman said.

As for what keeps Huffman interested in carrying on the business all these years later, he said its the love of the work he does.

"I'm not a spring chicken anymore, but I like doing this, and I have good employees. I can trust the people that I'm working with. And so the alternative is to retire, what am I going to do that," he mused.

And he credits the company's "solid local service" with its continued longevity.

"We're here. I own the business. You buy something from me, and something goes wrong with it, or it isn't working right, or you're not happy with it, call me.," he said.

For a full view of catalogs and brochures, visit, www.huffmans.com or stop in to have a look at their current inventory.

### JDog Junk Removal offers solution for removal projects

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this our whole lives," Katie said.

Additionally, the company offers a 10% discount for veterans. For the couple, much of what keeps them motivated is seeing the reactions of clients who are reclaiming space they have not ence for you, so we try to just make sure every client's happy," seen, in perhaps, decades.

"We've pulled carpet up, and there's this hardwood underneath that they haven't seen since they were a child, and it's their childhood home. So seeing their emotional reaction just makes you feel really good about giving back to the community," Jer-

Several clients have also voiced their pleasure to learning that there are women on the team.

"We've interacted with a few customers who have said that it makes them feel more comfortable that we have women on the crew because it might be somebody who lives alone, it might be somebody whose husband's at work," Katie said, speaking of herself and she and Jeremy's son's girlfriend, both of whom work with the business.

"I tell people these are the two hardest working women in junk removal. Recently, we took a 400 pound boiler out of a basement, and they were right there, helping us lift that thing out," Jeremy said.

The motto of JDog is "respect, integrity, trust," which Jeremy said is the pillar of the success of his fledgling franchise.

"We bring a lot of value to what we do, because we treat every

customer with that respect. We're out here trying to earn the trust of the community, and we really put every effort we can into doing a good job," he explained.

"You're getting rid of junk, but we want it to be a good experi-

A Google business page set up by Jeremy and Katie boasts several high complimentary reviews, according to the couple, who encourage prospective clients to visit.

Those interested in JDog Junk Removal's services can contact them at 570-505-2831, through their Facebook page at JDog Junk Removal and Hauling – Williamsport, or through their website at https://www.jdogjunkremoval.com/locations/pennsylvania/williamsport-junk-removal/.





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### Lycoming County Visitors Bureau Announces 2025 Travel and Tourism Application Deadline

The Lycoming County Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce the Lycoming County Travel and Tourism Grants program is now open. Grant applications are available December 1 and are due to the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau by 11:59pm on January 10, 2025.

Funding is to assist with non-profit organizations in their travel and tourism related activities and is to be used for underwriting 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.com, or the Chamber's website, www.williamsport.org. They can also be obtained by calling the Chamber at 570-326-1971.

Since 2000, the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau has granted out through this program over \$1.9 million to 55 non-profit organizations conducting travel and tourism related events and activities here in Lycoming County.



### **Broad Street in Montoursville Gets Festive**

This year, the Montoursville Chamber of Commerce once again teamed up with students from Montoursville Area School District to decorate storefronts in Montoursville. Middle and high school students planned and decorated the businesses, and the designs were voted on. This year, 1st place went to Pied Piper Pest Control, decorated by Team Builders Club #2. Team Yearbook Staff won second place for their design on The Shoppe on Broad, and Team Lucky Pepperfingers took home 3rd place for their decor on the American Rescue Workers Thrift Store.







Photos provided by Carrie Pauling/NorthcentralPA.com

# Member Renewals November 1 through November 30 Thank you....you are appreciated!

#### First Year Renewals

4 D's Home Care LLC AccentPDIR

Beauty In The Making

Christine Doty LLC - Individual, Couple and Family Therapy
First Citizens Community Bank - Williamsport
First Heritage Federal Credit Union
Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA
LKW Dance Center
MVR Vacation Rentals, Inc.
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#### **Members 2-5 Years**

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Residence Inn (Chartwell Hotels)
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The Clothier

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Keystone Leather
Malee Law Firm, P.C.
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Spherion Staffing
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Webb Weekly

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#### **Members 21 Years**

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Buttorff's Hardware, Inc. Fi
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank - Williamsport Branch
Hudock Capital Group, LLC
J & M Construction Specialty, Inc.
Kriger Fence Co., Inc.
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Loyalsock Animal Hospital
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#### **Member 25 Years**

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#### **Members 26 Years**

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Mericle Commercial Real Estate Group, Inc.
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# Member Renewals Continued November 1 through November 30 Thank you....you are appreciated!

#### **Members 35 Years**

Golden Business Machines North Central Sight Services, Inc.

#### Members 36 Years

All Round Tire Company
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Hodrick Realty
Charlotte Pipe and Foundry
Jersey Shore Area School District
Jersey Shore Borough
Wilkinson Dunn Company

#### **Members 37 Years**

Anthony H. Visco, Jr. Architects Robert H. Fredrickson, D.D.S., M.A.G.D. Thomas T. Taber Museum of the Lycoming County Historical Society Williamsport Symphony Orchestra

#### **Members 38 Years**

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#### **Members 39 Years**

River Valley Regional YMCA West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission

#### Members 40 Years

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JanWay Company
Lycoming County Commissioners
Susquehanna Trailways
Trenco, Inc./Distribution Concepts Co.
Van Campen Motors Inc.

#### **Members 41 Years**

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#### Member 43 Years

Miele Amusements, Inc.

#### Members 44 Years

Burger King/Carrols, LLC
J. B. Gibbons Construction, LLC
Klein & Rizzo, Inc.
McDonald's Restaurants
Montgomery Plumbing Supply Company t/a Bi-Lo Supply

#### Member 45 Years

Glamorise Foundations, Inc.

#### Member 46 Years

Jersey Shore State Bank

#### **Members 48 Years**

AAA North Penn Lycoming County United Way, Inc.

#### Members 49 Years

Hope Enterprises, Inc. Koppers Inc.

#### Member 50 Years

D & M Tool & Machine Company, Inc.

#### Member 52 Years

Stellant Systems, Inc.

#### **Members 53 Years**

Grampian Hills Apartments Savoy Contract Furniture

#### Member 60 Years

PMF Industries, Inc.

#### **Member 64 Years**

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#### Member 66 Years

Fish Real Estate

#### Member 67 Years

Eck's Garage, Inc.

#### **Members 68 Years**

Lewis Lumber Products, Inc.
Lycoming College
The Hartman Group
The Meadows, A Park Home Personal Care Community
UPMC

#### Member 116 Years

Lycoming Engines

#### Member 123 Years

Marco Technologies

















Are you interested in being featured in an upcoming Chamber Connection? Reach out to Mark Stankiewicz at mstankiewicz@williamsport.org to learn more!



### **Leadership Lycoming History & the Arts Day**



The Class of 2025 kicked off their "History & the Arts" program day at the Community Theatre League. After meeting our hosts—Heather Woods '22, MaryJo Westbrook '20, and Adam Dincher '21—the class learned about the theater's offerings. Andrée Phillips, Seth Sponhouse, and Rubie Natal-Figueroa shared insights into the theater's history, its current activities, and upcoming shows. The students even had the chance to explore the sound and light booth, where the magic of production happens!

Next, the class boarded a River Valley Transit Trolley for a tour of Millionaire's Row. Gina Edwards from the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce provided historical details about the homes, buildings, and churches along the route. Stops included Saint Joseph the Worker Parish and Williamsport Park Home, where the class admired the stunning architecture! The tour concluded at the Thomas T. Taber Museum, where the class split into groups and learned more about Lycoming County's history while participating in a scavenger hunt!

After lunch, the group heard from Kristin Caringi, Chief Financial Officer and Asst. Director, Robbin Degeratu of the James V. Brown Library. Following their discussion, Karen Confer and Nicole Radar guided a library tour, showcasing its many services, which doesn't just include book lending...did you know you can buy stamps and apply for a passport right on-site at our local library?

The day wrapped up with a fun team-building activity at Wine & Design. Stefanie Allison and her team led a lively "Paint Your Partner" session, resulting in colorful and creative masterpieces. The Class of 2025 certainly had an unforgettable day of learning, exploration, and bonding!

Thank you to our Program Day sponsors: <u>James V. Brown Library</u> and <u>Wine & Design</u>. We would like to continue to thank our Annual Sponsors: <u>UPMC</u>, <u>Hope Enterprises</u>, <u>North Central Sight Services</u>, <u>Inc.</u> & <u>West Pharmaceuticals!</u>









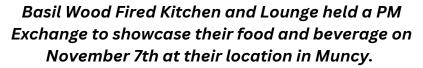






### **November PM Exchanges**







The Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Penn State Small Business Development Center to host a PM Exchange at New Trail Brewing Company on November 21st. The event was held to share information about Global Entrepreneur Week.

#### **Remaining PM Exchange**

#### **Miele Manufacturing**

Thursday, December 12, 2024 | 5-7pm 66 Mall Parkway, Muncy



Visit the Miele Group on December 12, 2024, for the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce's Holiday PM Exchange! You'll have the chance to network with community members and learn more about Miele Amusements, Miele Manufacturing, Miele Development, Angelina's Song Foundation, and FASTSIGNS.

Tour our impressive 66,000 sq. ft. amusement and manufacturing facility, which the Miele Group converted from Gander Mountain in 2020. See where Pennsylvania Skill games are built, play arcade games, visit our sign shop, and enjoy seasonal drinks and refreshments with the Miele Group!









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