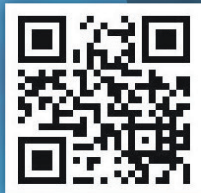


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## From Jason Fink's Desk - President/CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce

By the time this gets to you, we'll be wrapping up the first of our fifty-two weeks of 2025. Not sure if anyone else thought about this as the clock struck midnight moving us into the New Year, but one I did was of it being the 25th anniversary of Y2k. It made me smile to think that twenty-five years ago we were waiting to see what catastrophic occurrences would come from computer programmers not thinking about the need to accommodate for the year 2000. Fast forward to now and human programmers potentially being replaced by AI and computer learning technology. I'm half curious and half concerned about what the next twenty-years of technological advancements will bring us.

Closing the book on 2024, we had a pretty good year here in Lycoming County. We saw the return of air service to the county. While not what we had previously, it's better than nothing. The other important note on that is Southern Airways is actually interested in serving our market and being a partner in growing the usage. Having gone to numerous headquarters meetings over the years with the larger carriers, you always walked away having the feeling that they truly weren't that interested in serving small community airports. We don't have that with Southern and while the planes aren't the 30 seat ones we had before, they are interested in working with us to grow back the market.

December we received the announcement by Governor Josh Shapiro that the Commonwealth was investing \$4.6 million into PMF Industries to assist them in entering the hydrogen sector. This will aid PMF with their expansion on Reach Road and help them to add another 20 jobs. It's exciting to see this development as it takes our community into another growing future energy sector. We have natural gas and the Hamilton plant in Montgomery converting it over to electricity. There's Prysmian producing aluminum cables to meet the increased demand of electric powered items. There's turbines in the northern area of the county harnessing the power from wind. In my opinion, all of these are good bridge power options as we improve upon and perfect hydrogen power. Granted this is not my background but do believe that given the byproduct of hydrogen is water, there's not a better future power source for us to be putting our resources towards enhancing and developing.

Yes, there is solar which up until now wasn't mentioned. The reason for not is to me, it's just another transition fuel option utilizing large tracts of farmland that will take a generation to put back into production once they're spent. Again, in my opinion, incorporating solar on rooftops, sidewalks, parking garages and other such applications is great. But seeing good farmland being converted over to solar fields just doesn't seem to be the best manner to generate electricity.

In December, we also received good news at the federal level with the passage of key legislation, including the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), the reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration (EDA), and provisions for regional commissions. The package, which passed 97-1 (Senator Mike Lee of Utah was the lone "Nay" vote), includes major wins for Pennsylvania's communities with new programs and funding that will create jobs, address environmental challenges, and invest in critical infrastructure. Important to our area is there's funding in it that will expedite the completion of the Greater Williamsport levee system. It accelerates the completion of critical flood control measures to protect residents and businesses from flooding. This is critical that we see the levee system fixed soon as it affects both residents and businesses. Just one example is of a manufacturer on Reach Road that is paying \$460,000 more year-over-year in insurance premiums due to the current deficiency designation by FEMA.

Speaking of the US Senate, a note of thanks goes to Senator Casey for the many years of service he provided to the Commonwealth as one of our two senators. As we thank him, we also welcome Dave McCormick as our newest one. Our area should see in Senator McCormick someone with a good understanding of our region of the Commonwealth given he grew up in nearby Bloomsburg. We look forward to working with him in advancing programs and legislation that will enhance both our community and all of Pennsylvania.

A couple of last items to note from December. I want to thank Nicole and Lou Miele and the team at Miele Manufacturing for hosting our holiday PM Exchange in December. Everyone that attended walked away thoroughly impressed with what they learned about and experienced at this locally grown company. Thank you also to all of those companies that supported both the Trolley Tour of Lights and Santa Express train excursions. In addition to their support, we couldn't do these without the backing of Lycoming Valley Railroad, SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, Penn Valley Railroad and River Valley Transit Authority. They provide the equipment and man and woman power for us to operate these two events. Thanks also goes out to the public as we had over 1,000 ride the trolleys and over 7,200 ride the trains this past year.

The beginning of 2025 will have some excitement as we begin the New Year. Wawa will be opening on Maynard Street on January 23. It's fun to see the positions people take on something about which convenience store is better, Sheetz or Wawa. The nice thing for those that want to compare their food and beverage items, it'll be just a short walk to make between the two. Both should do just fine and I would imagine that Maynard Street will be busier than normal for the next couple of months.

There will be other new openings this year in the County that we are anxious to welcome to the community. The Chamber looks forward to continuing our work to advance the overall economic vitality for Lycoming County. Let's bring on 2025!



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### 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.

**Acceptable Use of Funds**

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- 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
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# December Ribbon Cuttings



Damon and Drew Lomison opened their second location of Fair Play Distillers, a tasting room, on December 13th. You can head to their downtown location at 442 William Street in Williamsport to see their new spot.



The Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board cut the ribbon on their new space at 33 West 3rd Street in Williamsport on December 18th.

## Creating Jobs in Lycoming County: Shapiro Administration Investing \$4.6 Million to Help PMF Industries Expand into the Clean Hydrogen Market & Grow Pennsylvania's Clean Energy Industry

Harrisburg, PA – On December 20, Governor Josh Shapiro announced the Commonwealth is investing \$4.6 million into PMF Industries to help the 63-year-old Pennsylvania company enter the clean hydrogen market, growing Pennsylvania's clean energy industry. The Commonwealth funding will support a more than \$7 million expansion of the Lycoming County-based manufacturing company that will create at least 20 new, full-time jobs and retain 78 existing jobs.

PMF Industries will construct a 16,000-square-foot addition to its existing manufacturing operations in Williamsport that will house a new hot spinning machine and aluminum heat treating and tempering furnace. The expansion will allow the company to enter the clean hydrogen market – producing metallic liners to store hydrogen and allow it to be transported by trucks, planes, and boats.

“Pennsylvania is the best place in the country for businesses to grow and thrive, and my Administration is committed to making strategic investments that strengthen our key industries and create good-paying jobs,” said Governor Shapiro. “Pennsylvania has a long legacy as a national energy leader and my Administration is building on that legacy by supporting the clean energy manufacturers like PMF Industries and creating energy and manufacturing jobs all across the Commonwealth. We’re getting stuff done for the good people of Pennsylvania – building a skilled workforce, boosting innovation, and positioning the Commonwealth as a leader in energy, manufacturing, and economic development.” The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) provided the company with a funding offer that includes a \$4.5 million Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) loan, \$138,000 Pennsylvania First grant, and \$11,000 WEDnetPA grant to help train employees.

“The Shapiro Administration’s support of a homegrown manufacturer like PMF Industries is an investment in our vital manufacturing and energy industries,” said DCED Secretary Rick Siger. “This project is a great example of what the Governor’s 10-year Economic Development Strategy can help us achieve – providing a product that puts Pennsylvania closer to the forefront of clean energy production.”

Founded in Williamsport in 1961, PMF Industries is a premiere, globally recognized manufacturer of tubular components. The company makes specialized metal containers for clients in the aerospace, defense, power generation, nuclear fuel containment, food processing, and microelectronics industries.

“We at PMF Industries commend Governor Shapiro for his foresight in partnering with small and mid-size businesses, like PMF, to help make Pennsylvania an economic leader in providing good-paying jobs vital to our community,” said John Perrotto, President, PMF Industries. “With the help of the PIDA loan, Pennsylvania First grant, and WEDnet training support, we are well-positioned to contribute to the Commonwealth’s leadership in clean energy and innovation,” said Ken Healy, Executive Vice-President, PMF Industries. “We are excited to be part of a strategy that empowers manufacturers and drives sustainable economic development for the long term.”

Renowned for precision and innovation, the company consistently meets the stringent requirements of its global clientele, solidifying its position as an industry leader and a trusted partner in delivering cutting-edge metalworking solutions.

“PMF Industries is a dynamic manufacturer in Williamsport. They continue to grow and evolve, and we’re excited to see them enter into the hydrogen containment market with this latest project expansion,” said Jason Fink, President/CEO, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce. “We greatly appreciate the vision of the Shapiro Administration for making this type of investment in PMF affording them the opportunity to enter into this next gen energy sector.”

This project was coordinated by Governor Shapiro’s BusinessPA team, an experienced group of economic development professionals dedicated to Getting It Done for businesses looking to thrive in Pennsylvania. Whether based in the Commonwealth, another state, or across the globe, the team moves at the speed of business with the guidance, connections, and financial packages that set companies up for long-term growth and success here in Pennsylvania.

Since taking office, the Shapiro Administration has secured and announced more than \$3 billion in private sector investments.

The manufacturing and energy industries are a prime focus in Governor Shapiro’s Economic Development Strategy, the first plan of its kind in almost 20 years. Governor Shapiro and Secretary Siger unveiled the economic development strategy earlier this year to serve as the blueprint for capitalizing the Commonwealth’s strengths and further spur our economy.

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# SMALL BUSINESS



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KVS Computers' offices are located at 71 W. Water St., Hughesville.

## KVS Computers offers certified data recycling options, much more

By **MATTHEW COURTER**  
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With computers at the helm of more and more day to day activities, being certain that these essential devices work efficiently and safely is absolutely paramount, and KVS Computers is more than happy to assist in that.

Owner and CEO Cherif Ammar-Khodja began KVS, named after his three daughters, Kenna, Valerie and Sadia in 2013 after previously working as a system administrator for a corporation based out of Wilkes Barre.

"My wife is from Hughesville, and back then, I had kids go in schools, so I didn't really want to drag them anywhere for a job, so I just started one customer at a time, doing computer repair, consulting for some businesses and then even-

tually stumbled upon electronics recycling," said Ammar-Khodja, who holds a degree from Reading Area Community College.

KVS, located at 71 W. Water St., Hughesville, offers a wide array of services including computer repair, virus removal, security remediation and selling of refurbished computers and laptops, all backed by a warranty.

By far, the biggest area of the company Ammar-Khodja has invested in is data recycling.

"We have what's called an R2v3 industry certification. Every year, we have auditors come here for a whole week, and they go through all our records," Ammar-Khodja explained, adding that the company must recertify every three years.

"It's very expensive, and very time consuming. During an audit, there is pretty much no productivity,

because you have to cater to the auditors," he said.

"It's not required by the state or federal government, but we do it because we have a third party holding us accountable for it," Ammar-Khodja explained.

But the certification has been well worth it, as it has allowed KVS to work with government, educational and banking institutions to name a few.

One form of data recycling involves the removal of data from customer hard drives, which KVS does through a Department of Defense-level formatting, according to Ammar-Khodja.

"Or if you ask us to shred them instead, we will do whatever the customer has asked us to do, and we give a certification of destruction," he said.

"We use state of the art software

to inventory all the hardware we pick up or that gets dropped off, and we retest it that way. If there's any data involved in the hard drive, it gets removed, and there's always a track record of that, we guarantee that it will be gone," Ammar-Khodja said.

Another type of data recycling involves removing all old data from devices in order to resell them, all of which must be registered with the Department of Environmental Protection.

"It's a big deal because only around 20% of electronics in the U.S. are being recycled, so if we don't do our part right now, by intercepting all this hardware, it will end up in a landfill, where it will stay forever," Ammar-Khodja explained.

Due to the evolving nature of cyber security, many of the most vulnerable institutions are required to retire hardware that no longer meets

certain specifications, but is otherwise in perfect working condition.

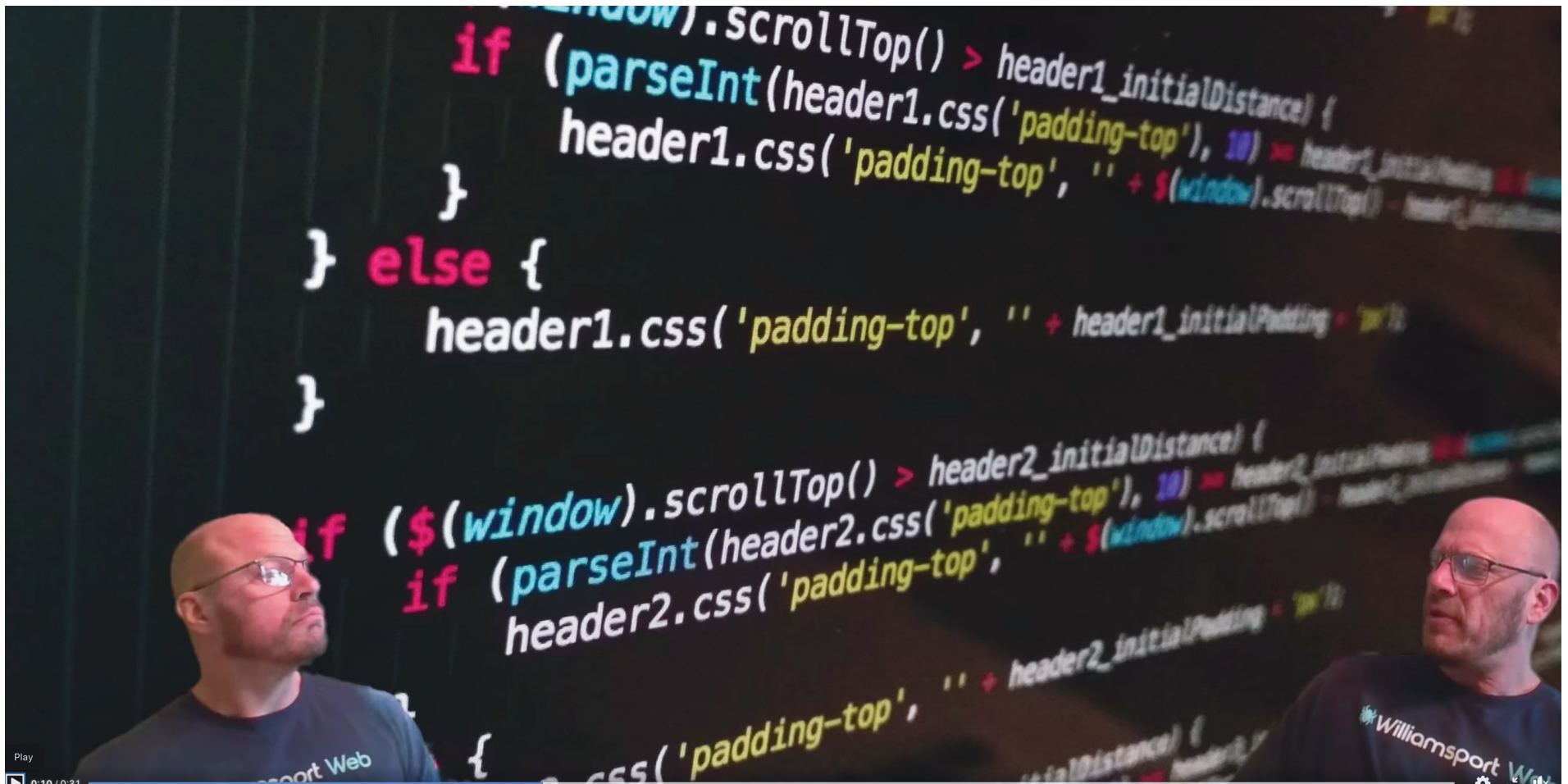
"It's a good thing to have all the audits and certifications, because it pushes companies and businesses to run at a certain level of safety, security, awareness and responsibility,

"We can remove all that data and put it back in the market, or work with other certified companies who break down computers to extract precious metals, but at the end of the day, none of it goes to landfill," he said.

Ammar-Khodja stressed that, though they are a local business, they have a nationwide reach.

"For companies across the country, all they have to do is get their hardware to us. They ship it to us, and we'll take care of the rest," he said.

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An image taken from a promotional video Williamsport Web posted on social media.

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## Veteran-owned and -operated Williamsport Web, a one stop shop for all web design needs

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In today's age, a strong digital impression can be a make or break for any small business, but the cost can often be heavy, a barrier that local startup Williamsport Web aims to help lift.

"My first job was at AT&T on Reach Road, said owner and operator, Patrick Cummings.

"I was a third shift operator and

it was a good job, but it was really boring, so I started to read about software design," he explained.

"I just had a passion for it for so long and I can't seem to get away from it," Cummings, who has now been writing software for 24 years, said.

A native of the area, Cummings moved back home after 12 years at a Texas software company that eventually became part of Nokia.

"I've been doing web design

and development on the side for 18 to 20 years, and then decided recently just to hang up the career itself and go full time with web design," he said.

Williamsport Web is run by a two-person team, with an emphasis on small businesses.

"What we do differently than a lot of other web design and development companies is we're writing our own software," he explained.

"You could type in some sort of

phrase about your company, and hit publish, and it'll send that piece of content out to multiple websites," Cummings said, adding the user can tailor the type of website the content gets published to.

"A lot of people will write their own websites using Wix or something like that, which is a fantastic thing because it puts the content in the actual store owner's hands, but the problem with that is people can't find you. What we do is

search engine optimization to help them ensure that it gets found," Cummings said.

Additionally, the company offers a personalized touch, helping their clients find exactly the right language to use in order to maximize their customer base exposure.

"I go to their business, I learn about it. I figure out how things work," Cummings explained.

"We also can help them with Google campaigns, setting up their pay per click campaigns, things like that," he said.

Rather than the flat fee many pay for a website, which can be

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# FEATURE MEMBER

## Long Island Pizza on Hepburn Street, like 'Cheers,' is 'a place where everybody knows your name'

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With ever changing trends in everything from fashion to food, it can be difficult for small businesses to manage ups and downs, but city mainstay, Long Island Pizza has found a winning recipe that includes excellent food, exceptional customer service and a sprinkle of faith in and appreciation of God.

"We're in our 20th year of existence, but that's just Long Island Pizza. I've been making pizza since 1977, so I am two years away from 50 years making pizza," said owner Kurt Kane, who worked for a variety of establishments in New York, before moving to the area in the early 90's.

"I automatically fell in love with Williamsport. I had been coming when I was younger, with the church camp that we were a part of. And, of course, it's home now," he said.

Kane opened his first downtown restaurant, Heavenly Pasteria in 1991 at the current site of Barrel 135 on Third Street, before opening Long Island Pizza 12 years later in Old Lycoming Township, eventually migrating to its current location, 435 Hepburn St.

The name of the business reflects Kane's desire to bring a little piece of home to the area, but with a twist.

"One of our sayings is New York-style with a Williamsport smile," he said.

But the restaurant is known for far more than just pizza.

"Our sandwiches are out of this world and they've really taken off since COVID. My wife is the sandwich girl, and we sell tons of sandwiches on our homemade bread," Kane said.

"We sell tons of calzones and strombolis. They've always been popular and we've won awards for the chicken salad that my



**Kurt and Marie Kane own and operate Long Island Pizza in the Hepburn Street Plaza.**

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wife came up with many years ago," he added.

With their 20th year of operation in view, the Christian-based restaurant will be holding drawings for weekly giveaways as a way to give back, Kane said.

Kane and his wife, Marie, also give back

by way of their involvement in several local charitable organizations, including the Pregnancy Care Center, Sojourner Truth, and other ministries in the city.

"We had an initiative in 2012 called Pray It Forward, where we would just pray for somebody, and it really raised awareness of

how people love that, and then we started a pay it forward type thing. And we still have people come in today and say, 'here's \$5, \$10, pay it forward,' he explained.

"So when we see somebody come in and they're down on their luck, we go out of our way to feed them," Kane said.

That dedication to a greater good is partly what Kane attributes to his business' continued success.

"I don't really own the business, it owns me. But, we started out having the best food anywhere, and about halfway through, I'd say we found out it was not about," he explained.

"About 10 years ago, we integrated praying for people more, so now we're actually Long Island Pizza and Prayer. And we found out that even our faithful customers, everybody can use some prayer. So we say they come for the food and stay for the prayer," he continued, likening the atmosphere to that of the T.V. Show Cheers.

"This is Cheers, minus the alcohol. When my mind is sharp, I remember practically everybody's name. We have such faithful people that come in, so this is a place where people know your name," Kane said.

"And on top of that, the food is out of this world, delicious," he added, while also giving a shoutout to his staff.

"Our staff has been top notch throughout the years. In our post-COVID era, though, it's really hard to find help. So at this point, I have almost every one of my family members here, helping hold up my and my wife's hands," Kane said.

As for the business' continued popularity, Kane credits not cutting corners on quality.

"If it was about money, I would have stayed in New York," he said.

This is a God-ordained business, where God said, 'you're going to open this up, and

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# Williamsport Web a one stop shop for all web design needs

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as high as \$5,000, Williamsport Web offers a subscription model, which comes with continued support from the company.

"It just makes it easier for smaller businesses to be able to afford and they get maintenance and support every month. Anything they need, from text that needs to be updated or if they want a small feature added, those come with that monthly fee," Cummings explained.

"A lot of traditional web designers will develop a site for you, and then just kind of walk away," he said.

"It takes more than just a website. You've got to set up the Google presence itself. All of these things are free, but a lot of small businesses may not know about them, so there's a lot of neat stuff that we're going to try to expose to smaller companies," Cummings explained.

"Our objective is to help your business, no matter what it is, whether it's content on that website, whether we own it or they own it, doesn't really matter. Our objective is to help get the right sort of product out there in front of people," he stressed.

And Cummings is more than willing to work with other local businesses to achieve that objective.

"Nobody's going to be perfect and the best at everything, so where the pieces fit together, you can partner with other companies," he said, which he said the community has been very welcoming of.

"In some towns, the culture is not like that. It's very negative towards the competition, but here, you're starting to see a lot of pubs popping up, a lot of restaurants, people going off on their own. That's the kind of a cool culture it is," Cummings said.

Williamsport Web practices that spirit of community

partly through its dedication to area veterans, including offering a 15% discount for veterans utilizing their services.

"You've got to give back, especially you're coming from the service," said Cummings, himself a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

"I guess it's seeing how people melt back into being a citizen again. Sometimes it's difficult, it's hard to find a job, and to then have the guts to go out and create your own business," he explained.

"The way we feel is, 'you served our country, and that's the reason why we're free,'" Cummings said.

A portion of all the profit from the business are donated to local veteran's organizations, including the VFW, the Wounded Warriors Project and others, according to Cummings.

As for what motivates Cummings and his partner and has driven their success thus far, he puts it down to really understanding the needs of their clients.

"We help people develop their business personality, and we put it on the website. A lot of people have a hard time understanding how to express what their business does, and that's probably our strongest point, just natively putting together the right English language on the website that really attracts people," he said.

"Your business has a personality. You want to take that and expose that on your website. That's what we're best at. There's certainly all the design aspects, but really what attracts people to your site is not just the visual aspect, but also if they have a connection with the business itself," Cummings said.

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A central goal for the future of KVS is putting together a staff able to help with in-home set up and servicing of equipment purchased through them.

Ammar-Khodja, who emigrated to the U.S. in the early 90's, is more than thankful for the opportunities it has provided.

"I have a great life, a great wife and really great kids. We're very, very fortunate to be living the United States," he said.

"I have really great employees I work with, and am very lucky to have. They are the ones with me in the grind every day, and we're at a point where we do business with a lot of reputable companies," Ammar-Khodja said.

"The American dream is not cheap, and it's not easy. It's hard work to the bone, but you have to believe in the U.S. and what it stands for," Ammar-Khodja said.

"It's with great pride I'm able to contribute to the prosperity of the community I live in and the U.S. in general," he said.

To me, being able to have a business, pay your dues, pay your taxes, meet payroll for those who do the job for you so they can put food on their tables for their families, the feeling is just priceless," Ammar-Khodja said.

As for what has helped KVS climb the ranks of computer service options, Ammar-Khodja said it comes down to fulfilling their customer's needs.

"We are just genuine people. We will do what we promise to, and you can hold us accountable if we don't deliver," he said.

"Our rating is great and that comes from our customers. And we're spending all this time and money for certification because we want to. We want third parties to hold us accountable," Ammar-Khodja continued.

"In a nutshell, we will always deliver what we promised," he said.

For more information on all that KVS has to offer, please visit their facebook page, give them a call at 570-312-0479 or visit their website at [www.kvscomputers.com](http://www.kvscomputers.com).

# Long Island Pizza 'a place where everybody knows your name'

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I'm going to bring many on to you," Kane said.

"It's not just great food. There's also comfort in this place, and people feel it," he said, noting that they had been non-stop busy after being closed for 15 over the recent holidays.

"When you have people come and say, 'how was your vacation?' And I say, 'well, you had an operation last week,

how did that go' or, 'how's your mom feeling? I know we prayed for her before the holiday.' When you get a relational type, you have friends, customers for life, period," Kane said.

"God has really taken care of us, I think because we don't think of ourselves first, we put others first, and that has been our creed, and it really works," Kane said, citing Bible passage Mat-

thew 7:12.

"I started in this business when I was nine, so in 2027 I'll be 50 years making pizza, and then in 2028, I'll be 60 years old," Kane said.

"It's been a long time and I miss it when we're not doing it. We just took a vacation, and I really missed the people and I miss making their day with food," he said.



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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](http://www.visitlycomingcounty.com), or the Chamber's website, [www.williamsport.org](http://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.



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# Member Renewals

December 1  
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# Leadership Lycoming Law Enforcement and the Judiciary Day

The Class of 2025 started their "Law Enforcement and the Judiciary" program day at the Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas. Judges Butts, Gardner, Linhardt, Tira and Carlucci spoke with the group about their respective roles as judges in Lycoming County. Each judge shared their respective focuses and goals for their tenure as judges.

The class heard from Lance Thomas, the owner of ClearView Asset Protection about the capabilities of his company and plan for future expansion both locally and nationwide.

Leadership then heard a presentation from the Williamsport Area Police Department, including Sgt. McGee's presentation regarding the history of the K-9 Unit and how the K-9 Unit is instrumental in the Police Department's ability to patrol and investigate crimes. Jason Bolt, the Assistant Chief of Police then gave an overview of the Police Department and engaged in a lively discussion about the class' ride-along experiences. Mr. Bolt was engaged in what the class believed were both the positives of their ride-alongs and the areas of improvement.

The class was treated to a surprise visit from Magistrate District Judge Gary Whiteman, who explained his role as Magistrate Judge, including the joy he receives from officiating wedding ceremonies.

The class then heard from the multi-headed approach to re-entry and reduction of recidivism during a panel discussion featuring Sara Jones (Adult Probation), Nicole English (GEO Reentry Services), Nicole Hayes (Transitional Living Centers) and Deenie Keeler (JusticeWorks Youth Care).

Finally, the class was privileged to receive a tour of the Lycoming County Prison by Warden Brad Shoemaker (Class of 2011) and Deputy Warden Chris Ebner.

Thank you to all for taking the time out of your busy schedules to educate us and provide us insight!

We would like to continue to thank our Annual Sponsors: UPMC, Hope Enterprises, North Central Sight Services, Inc. & West Pharmaceutical Services!



# December Holiday PM Exchange



On December 12th, Miele Manufacturing hosted the Chamber's annual holiday PM Exchange. Guests were treated to food and beverages as well as tours of the facility.

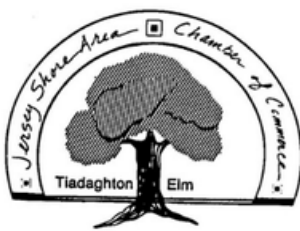
## Upcoming PM Exchange

### American Rescue Workers

Thursday, January 16 | 5-7pm  
643 Elmira Street, Williamsport



American Rescue Workers is proudly sponsoring the January PM Exchange on January 16, from 5-7pm. Advance RSVP's are greatly appreciated. Tours will be provided of the entire operation, including the Men's Dormitory and the Warehouse, including the baling room floor, sorting floor and our eBay and collectables floor. Elevator access will be provided for those who need it. Food/hors d'oeuvres will be provided by our very own kitchen staff and non-alcoholic\* drinks will also be available, including our own, special "Rescue Rumbler".



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