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I'm not sure about everyone else, but I am fully ready for winter to be officially over. Was rather irritated with the Groundhog (won't use his first name because of his forecast) because I am always ready for spring weather by the time February rolls around. Now that we're in March, I'm hopeful that we'll start seeing more seasonal weather and cannot wait for 60 degree temps to get outside doing things in the yard and around the area.

Was just shared by a recent report on the national impact of railroads by Todd Hunter, who is the Chief Marketing Officer for North Shore Railroad/Lycoming Valley Railroad and also the Chamber's Transportation Committee Chair. Todd is great in sharing this type of information as he knows that I've felt rail has been undervalued in being able to reduce the burden of over-the-road hauling with trucks.

We've talked about how the industry has helped to contribute to this with various missteps over the years. It's still a very efficient way to haul large volumes of products and good over great distances. To illustrate that point, a single gallon of diesel fuel can be used to transport a rail car carrying one ton of freight for nearly 500 miles.

The study he shared was by the Association of American Railroads (AAR), which underscores the "substantial" economic impact of the rail transportation industry in the U.S. It was conducted in 2023 and shows the rail transportation sector contributed \$233.4 billion in total economic output, supporting nearly 749,000 jobs across various industries.

As the nation's heavy hauler, freight railroads provide "safe, efficient and sustainable transportation solutions that are vital to modern American life and economic activity," the AAR noted. "By delivering bulk goods cost-effectively and connecting businesses to global markets, railroads help strengthen supply chains and foster economic growth."

According to the report in 2023 alone, freight railroads invested \$26.8 billion in capital improvements, "modernizing their operations, enhancing safety and expanding long-term growth opportunities for businesses nationwide." These substantial investments, AAR says, "have significant ripple effect on the U.S. economy with every \$1 invested in rail transportation drives \$2.50 in economic activity."

In addition to the fuel efficiency of rail, it provides other far-reaching public benefits, improving supply chain efficiency, reducing environmental impact, and easing pressure on infrastructure. These include:

- **Lower Emissions:** Reduces greenhouse gas emissions by up to 75% compared to trucking.
- **Highway Congestion Relief:** A single train can remove hundreds of trucks from the highway, cutting traffic congestion, fuel costs, and road wear and tear.
- **Infrastructure Cost Savings:** Railroads own, operate, and maintain their networks, reducing the need for taxpayer-funded highway expansion.

The North American rail network, AAR says, "plays a critical role in seamlessly connecting domestic producers to international markets ensuring reliable, efficient exports for agriculture, energy and manufactured products." AAR analysis reveals that 38% of all rail traffic—11.3 million shipments—were directly tied to trade-related activity connecting domestic producers to international markets in 2023.

Analysis also found that every railroad job supports 3.9 additional jobs in industries like manufacturing, logistics, and technology. In 2023, rail transportation directly employed 153,000 highly skilled workers whose total compensation significantly exceeds the national average, according to the report. When factoring in industries railroads support and household spending effects, rail transportation supported a total of 749,000 nationwide, generating \$66.1 billion in household income for 2023.

Beyond being an "economic workhorse," AAR says, rail provides "safe, sustainable transportation solutions that keep the nation on track to tomorrow. Through strategic investments and world-class service, freight railroads will continue powering America's economy, fostering job creation, and keeping businesses competitive for the future."

Rail both nationally and locally plays a key role in the economy, powering industries, facilitating trade, and supporting high-wage jobs. The vast majority of it is done while operating on a self-funded infrastructure network. This reduces the strain on taxpayer-funded roads and highways. We are fortunate here in Lycoming County to have both local track owned by SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority and serviced by North Shore Railroad/Lycoming Valley Railroad and mainline track owned and serviced by NS. While we enjoy it during the Christmas season with the Santa Express excursions, the local rail supports and plays a key part to our economy here in Lycoming County. If you want to read the full report (it's only 34 pages), you can find it at aar.org and the link to it is on the main page. I promise it's easy reading but also very informative.



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Leadership Lycoming Local and State Government Day



The Class of 2025 started their Leadership Lycoming Local & State Government Program Day with an in-depth look at what and who makes Williamsport and Lycoming County run. Mayor Derek Slaughter, City Council President Adam Yoder, and Councilman Eric Beiter explained the Municipal Tax Reform and new development projects. We then met with the Lycoming County Commissioners - Scott Metzger, Marc Sortman, and Mark Mussina where we learned interesting facts such as Lycoming County is the only county in PA that owns its own farm and landfill. We were able to sit in on part of the public meeting and hear from Forrest Lehman, who gave an excellent explanation of the voting process and what it entails for our county.

We ended the morning with a discussion with Senator Gene Yaw and PA State Representative Joe Hamm, who are both very passionate about improving our county to draw in more residents and improve the economy. We talked in depth about the airport, transportation services, the energy grid, and broadband access. The running theme of the morning was not about politics, but about the men and women who hold positions in these areas and their commitment to our county and its citizens. According to Mayor Slaughter, "It's all about working together and doing what's best for the community."

During lunch, Jim Malee from Malee Law Firm discussed the importance of having a Will and Power of Attorney sooner rather than later. He also enlightened us on the different types of trusts available.

After lunch, we did a public speaking workshop with the Greater Williamsport Toastmasters Communication and Leadership Club where we practiced public speaking in a fun, yet educational way!

Our day ended at the Lycoming County 911 Center, where we met with the Director, Jeffrey "Hutch" Hutchins. "Hutch" explained the Call Center and how Emergency Management worked, sharing with us all that there are apps available to download to notify of events in the area. Pulse Point, Pulse Point AED, and Code Red were a few of those discussed. We then toured the 911 Call Center and were able to witness the wonderful call center staff work to keep us all safe.

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FEATURE MEMBER



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Some of the work done by Ettinger's Landscaping, as shared by the business on social media.

Ettinger's Landscaping, a reputation built on reliability

By **MATTHEW COURTER**

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Many successful businesses are the result of trial and error, but for Wayne Ettinger, owner of Ettinger's Landscaping, it was a mixture of lifelong passion and being in the right place at the right time.

"Since I was a little kid, I had an interest in trees, shrubs, flowers, things like that. I grew up on a farm in Snyder County," said Ettinger.

It was when he was in sixth grade that Ettinger's brother suggested taking up horticulture in college, informing Wayne that he would be attending Penn State University, and he decided to follow suit.

While attending Penn State, Ettinger took educational classes, certifying him to teach secondary education under the 1964 Vocational Education Act, going on to teach in Montgomery and Northampton counties.

He would later take a pay cut and move to Williamsport to help create an AVTS horticulture program and an associate degree program for Williamsport Area Community College, now known as Pennsylvania College of

Technology.

"This gave me a ready market for people who needed maintenance and plantings and so on," he explained.

In the early 1970's, Ettinger began landscaping in his backyard during his summers off, and after almost 19 years, retired from teach to begin Ettinger's Landscaping.

"This property was a mom and pop nursery," said of the site of his business, 2345 Warrensville Road, Montoursville, which he purchased in the mid-1970's.

At that point, there were only two landscapers in the area, and Ettinger came into the business with a fresh perspective.

"I came around as a young guy with a lot of new ideas and doing designs that weren't like the old fashioned 1950's, so there was a real interest in what I was doing, and I was the first in the area to start doing that," he explained.

Ettinger's acts as a one stop shop, providing everything from landscaping and design to a garden center.

"Our main designer is Shannon Hackenberg, she's a Penn State graduate, and has been here many years,"

Ettinger said.

"She's very talented, and has a lot of experience," he said.

"We cover a pretty good area, and our reputation is that a lot of people who have the money and are build

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PDC Spas, one of region's best kept secrets, a leader in swimming, spa space

By **MATTHEW COURTER**

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PDC Spas has been providing its services to the community for nearly 70 years, but many are unaware the locally owned business has both a national and international reach.

"The journey began in 1957 when it was more of a job shop," Jaime Smith, director of retailer relations said.

"At that point, we focused our manufacturing more on fiberglass side walls, in-ground swimming pools, Jeep beds, burial vaults, things of that nature," she said.

In the early 80's, the company shifted towards what it is best known for today, its spa and swimming products.

"Everything is made from start to finish right here at our manufacturing facility, located at 3743 West Fourth Street in the Newberry section of Williamsport," Smith said.

"But, in addition to manufacturing, selling to and taking care of our community locally, we also have a vast retailer network," Smith said, noting that that network reaches across the country and even into Canada.

"We are a trusted leader in the industry, and we do a lot of private labeling with a lot of other manufacturers, so it may not be our name on the product, but we've made them," she explained.

Some of the company's recently launched cold plunge molds were used during the 2024 Summer Olympics, and its products are regularly employed by teams across



PHOTO PROVIDED

PDC Spas staff members attend to a hot tub.

the NFL, the NBA and Major League Baseball, according to Smith.

"When people come into our showroom and find out we make them from start to finish right here, and then when we start telling the PDC Spa story, they're like, 'oh, wow. I had no idea,'" Smith said.

Despite their success in major industries, Smith said the focus on the company is more on the residential side.

Products available from PDC include three different series of hot tubs, totaling 16 available models.

"From tiny, one person to a three person, all the way up to a seven person hot tub," Smith said.

"We have some without lounges, we have some that have sculpted lounges. We have something for everyone, and all of our units can be customizable to your needs," she said.

"We also have a swim and fitness spa lineup called swim

spas. Those have four different series made up of 18 models," Smith said.

A feature of the swim spas, which range from 12 to 19 feet, is their ability to be utilized year long, according to Smith.

"I can have it set for 80 degrees, if I so choose, and the way it's designed, it's going to maintain that 80 degree temperature, even in the bitter cold of winter," Smith said.

PDC saw sales drastically increase during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the closure of the YMCA and other fitness centers.

"In aquatic therapy and aquatic exercise, your body's more buoyant. It's not as harsh on your joints, as opposed to if you're running or doing therapy after surgery. Everything is easier on your body with water," Smith said, stressing the role their swim spas and hot tubs can play in overall health and wellness.

"But, it's not just about aquatic therapy. It's your

wellness, it's your relaxation. You're rejuvenating," she offered.

"You're getting in water and you're putting your phones down. The kids are getting off the computer from all your electrical devices, and you're spending time as a family," Smith said.

Another product Smith is particularly excited about is the company's Splash series.

"We're kind of taking the best of both worlds, your hot tub therapy, and the convenience of a Swim Spa and molding it into one unit," she explained.

The series is available in either 12 or 15 foot models and incorporates bench seating for 10 to 15 people, at different levels to accom-

modate for all ages and body types, according to Smith.

"Everybody has a therapy seat, but you can also take advantage of swimming and fitness," she said.

The series also comes with PDC's Elite Pro Jets, deep tissue massages.

All the units sold by the company are self-sufficient units, meaning that outside plumbing is not required for installation.

"It has a filtration system that comes standard, so it's already working to sanitize your water," Smith explained.

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LEGACY MEMBER

Aquarius Pool and Spa offers backyard vacation paradises

By **MARK MARONEY**
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“A one-stop-shop-for-pools.”

That is how Stephanie Fry, general manager at Aquarius Pool and Patio, 170 Pine St., described this family-owned and operated business.

Owner Ken Ellex and the Aquarius Pool and Patio team welcome customers to experience this cutting edge and personalized business and service.

The business is the area’s oldest and most trusted source for a backyard vacation paradise.

Serving the Williamsport area for well over 50 years! With decades of experience building and maintaining the area’s pools and backyard paradises there is no better option when looking for your backyard makeover.

Spring is around the corner, and summer soon follows and now is the time to come in and schedule an appointment for an expert consultation to find the right design and need that works for each customer.

“We do consultation, design, installation, service and maintenance,” Fry said.

The store offers a wide array of pool and patio supplies.

“We have expertise in testing water chemistry and professional water analysis,” Fry said.

The store has the top of the line special order patio furniture on display.

Bulletins are being distributed to customers to alert them about Aquarius Pool and Patio relocation this spring, she said.

“We are going to be leaving our Williamsport location and relocating the store and operations to 960 Plaza Drive in Montoursville,” she said.

Those plans are in place with an expected relocation and reopening of the store possibly in mid-April, but those details will be announced soon, she said.

Aquarius Pool and Patio is a proud member of the Williamsport/Lycoming County Chamber of Commerce.

Aquarius Pool and Patio guarantees its customers - new and loyal - a perfect blend of forward thinking, next generation innovations coupled with decades of industry leading experience.



Chairs and pool accessories are on display at Aquarius Pool and Spa, which soon will relocate to 960 Plaza Drive, Montoursville.

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ing a big home and so on, hear about us, call us and we design their landscape," Ettinger explained, adding that they cover a roughly 75 mile radius.

In addition to the design aspect, the business offers a wide range of construction services, including patios, walkways, fire pits, waterfalls and outdoor lighting.

Plantscaping is also offered in which Ettinger's staff deliver and install not only interior foliage, but also exterior containers containing seasonal plants and flowers, as well as Christmas-themed pots.

All of the products come from their very own garden center, which contains a wide variety of conifers, dwarf, weeping, mulch, stone and more.

"If we plant a customer's purchase, there's a one-year guarantee, but if you plant a product yourself, there's still a six month guarantee, which would take you through either the winter or the dry summer," Ettinger explained.

"We're not just trying to sell plant material. Everything that we sell here is har-

dy in this area, will take our growing conditions, and that's why we can guarantee them," he stressed.

Services offered by the maintenance department include liming, fertilizing, sheering, hand prune and more. Yearly contracts for these services are also offered.

Ettinger said much of the success of his business is due to hiring the most dependable staff available.

"Probably the biggest strength we have would be being lazy," he joked.

"I always believed in hiring the smartest and best people I could, and some of those have been with me over 40 years," Ettinger said.

"I have always had designers who are as good as anybody in the country," he said, noting that he goes out of his way to treat staff well, resulting in very few leaving the company.

That staff has afforded Ettinger the ability to spend two months each summer on property in Montana he bought with friend for 30 years without having to wor-

ry about how the business was being run.

Though still as passionate as ever, Ettinger said he is nearing the end of his time with the business.

"I've done this for over 50 years. Even though I look really young, I'm old," he joked.

"It was only 10 years ago, maybe, that I quit going out and designing landscapes, but if the retirement age is 65, after 15 years beyond that, it's time," he said, while stressing that the strengths of the business will continue passed his exit.

"I will not sell it to somebody who is only interested in making money," he said.

Although nothing has been finalized, Ettinger said that he may have the perfect replacement already lined up.

"He knows the people here, and what impresses me most is he started talking about social media and advertising and changing up our logo," Ettinger said.

"I kind of get excited when I listen to him, and he's comes up with this stuff that I know nothing about," he said.

"I can assure everybody that the work-

manship is going to be there and the quality of the design will be there. After 50 some years, that will not change," Ettinger said, emphasizing his familiarity and confidence in the prospective future owner.

In the meantime, Ettinger's Landscaping will continue to provide the exceptional service they're known for, he said.

"They will get a real good design. We have people with lots of experience who are creative and can look at somebody's needs, what they want to have happen, and can come up with a really good plan of how to do it. And the installation is top notch," he said.

"If we put a walkway in, you can drive a dump truck over it, and it's not going to move," Ettinger said.

"There are no shortcuts. We do it right, and do it one time and we'll guarantee that," he said.

Those interested in any of the services offered by Ettinger's Landscaping can visit www.ettingersgardencenter.com or call 570-433-4550.

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By buying directly from PDC, consumers save money by cutting out the middleman, Smith said.

"You're going to get that wonderful walk-in price by buying direct from the manufacturer, but in addition to that, we will do delivery and installation at no extra cost," she said.

Buyers also receive a free chemical starter kit as a kind of welcome package.

Similar to test driving a vehicle prior to purchase, potential customers are also invited to try out PDC's products prior to buying them.

"We have a private wet test area where customers can schedule a private time to bring their family, get into their swimsuits and not have to worry about people walking in, and try it before they buy it," Smith said.

Also becoming increasingly rare across all industries, PDC offers immediate live customer service for callers.

"We're a little old school here, and we want that live person answering the phone and taking care of our customers," Smith said.

"I think that's a testament of how much we care about, and value our customers," she said.

All that focus on customer service has helped PDC Spas become among the most reputable companies in the industry.

"We've received many awards of excellence, including five years as swim spa of the year from an outside source called Top 10 reviews," Smith said.

"We are locally manufactured from start to finish, right here in Williamsport. Family owned and operated, with over 68 years of manufacturing excellence and experience. We're a trusted leader in the industry," she said.

For more information on all that PDC Spas has to offer, head on over to their website at www.pdcspas.com or give them a call at 570-323-3060.

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February PM Exchange



A PM Exchange was held at the Williamsport Regional Airport in conjunction with Southern Airways Express on February 20th. Attendees were treated to food and beverages, as well as a chance to win a trip to Washington DC for the Cherry Blossom Festival and luggage from World Travel International.

March Ribbon Cuttings

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PDC Spas

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Upcoming PM Exchanges

AAA North Penn

Thursday, March 6 | 5-7pm
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We welcome you on Thursday, March 6, to learn more about our License, Title, & Tag Services, Credit Card Program, Gift Cards, Local & National Discounts & Rewards, Mature Operator Classes, E-Z Pass, Foreign Currency, on-site Travel Store, or Reservations and Vacation Planning with our full-service Travel Agency. Our AAA North Penn Battery Van will be on-site as well to explain our battery services in Lycoming County.

Join us for a delightful selection of snacks and hors d'oeuvres from Farrington Place. In alignment with AAA's commitment to promoting safe and sober driving, we will not be serving any alcoholic beverages at this event. We look forward to enjoying a wonderful time together!

West Branch Susquehanna Builders Association/Jackass Brewing Company

Thursday, March 20 | 5-7pm
301 West Third Street, Williamsport



Join the West Branch Susquehanna Builders Association and Jackass Brewing Company for a PM Exchange at the Jackass Williamsport location.

The Builders Show will run from March 21-23 at The Liberty Arena. Come out for a chance to get a preview, meet some of the exhibitors, and enjoy food and drink from Jackass Brewing Company.



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PennWest Clarion

DATE: Friday - March 21, 2025

TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
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Networking Break

Panel Two: Workforce Development Discussion

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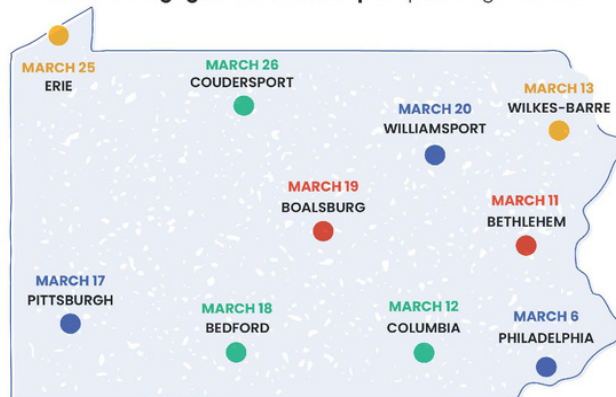
Join leaders from Pennsylvania's outdoor recreation industry to help shape its future. Throughout March, we are hosting statewide sessions that will give you an opportunity to share ideas on the creation of a new, statewide industry alliance for Pennsylvania outdoor recreation businesses.

Each session will begin at 3 pm and include a two-hour workshop, followed by a social hour.

Who Should Attend

- Outdoor recreation producers (design, manufacture, distribution, retail, and repair of outdoor goods)
- Providers of outdoor recreation experiences and related services and hospitality
- Professionals working to develop and serve the outdoor recreation industry
- Supporters of outdoor recreation businesses, workforce, and economic development

Business Engagement Workshops: Upcoming Sessions



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The 2025 Visitors Guide Has Arrived!

The 2025 Lycoming County Visitors Guide has arrived! The Visitors Guide is full of useful information on what to do, where to stay, eat and shop throughout Lycoming County. Please pick up a copy of the Visitors Guide at the Visitors Center, located at 102 West Fourth Street, Williamsport or many other locations throughout the area.

The Lycoming County Visitors Bureau will be distributing the 2025 Lycoming County Visitors Guide along with other regional and local brochures on a regular basis. The guides are delivered to hundreds of locations all over Lycoming County and neighboring counties. If you would like to have your business receive the Lycoming County Visitors Guide, please contact Gina Edwards at 570-320-4208 or gedwards@williamsport.org.

2025 Leadership Lycoming Summit

Leadership Lycoming held their annual Summit event on February 27th at the Williamsport Country Club.

This year, a panel discussion was held on the topic “Developing Yourself and Others in the Workplace.”

The following panelists took part in the event, providing valuable insight and engaging discussion amongst those in attendance:

- Mike Gaetano - The Hartman Group**
- Jen Ruelens - One Focus Property Management**
- Jason Dugan - Aspire Wealth Group**
- Mike LaRosa - New Trail Brewing Company**



Thank you to the 2025 Summit sponsors:
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139th Annual Meeting Awards

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2024 Vince Matteo Excellence in Leadership Award
Mike Gaetano - The Hartman Group



2024 Staiman Family Large Business of the Year Award
Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships



2024 Phillips/Plankenhorn Small Business of the Year Award
Natural Waterscapes



2024 Emerging Business of the Year Award
The Potting Bench

Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce Winter Mixer



Chamber members enjoyed catching up with friends and making new connections while dining on delicious food at the Tiadaghton Inn. Thank you to everyone who attended and sponsored the 2025 Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce Winter Mixer.

Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce Historical Society Donation

The Jersey Shore Historical Society's Museum is located at the Samuel B. Moss house along S. Main Street in Jersey Shore. The organization offers museum tours, walking tours, historical programs, and community events. Krista Gephart, Chair and Jodi Heck, Vice Chair of the Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce had the opportunity to meet with Tina Cooney and present the Jersey Shore Historical Society with a monetary donation. The society could not exist without donations and involved members dedicated to keeping the society active. To learn more about donating or getting involved, visit their website at <https://jshistory.org/>





Montoursville Chamber of Commerce END OF WINTER MIXER



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TWIN MEADOWS FARM
Wedding & Event Venue

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
From 5-7pm

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