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

June welcomes hopefully warmer weather, a plethora of outdoor activities and the start of the Williamsport Crosscutters season. I always like getting out to enjoy what we have here in the County from the various events to getting in the woods for some hiking and biking opportunities.

The month also brings with it the amped up discussions in Harrisburg regarding the annual budget. Our Commonwealth's budget is slated to be in place by July 1 for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Rarely does it pass on time, and projections for this year are that there won't be one in place this July 1.

There are a variety of tax policy issues involving things like skills games, education funding and legalization of marijuana that are cited as the reason we're seeing this year's budget approval going past July 1. Some are projecting that it could go several months over, which we haven't really seen since the Rendell administration and the early years of the Wolf administration. While it gets a lot of play in the media, it appears to not really impact voters decisions when voting in November.

It'll be interesting to see if Pennsylvania ends up passing the legalization of marijuana as part of the budget this year. Attempts have already been made to legalize marijuana with a bill that passed on party lines in Harrisburg last month, but it quickly died in the senate.

Governor Shapiro is supportive of marijuana's legalization. He cites, among his reasons, that all of the neighboring states around Pennsylvania have legalized marijuana, and we're losing tax revenue to them with our residents going there to buy and smoke it. That's a compelling reason for many and he's got over \$500 million pegged in this year's budget as revenue for it.

From the Chamber's position, our board voted in 2019 to oppose the legalization of marijuana. The proponents of marijuana cite a host of reasons for recreational legalization.

These reasons include that there's more current users and a greater acceptability of the drug. Others note the perceived health and emotional effects compared to other drugs like alcohol, the economic opportunities and tax revenue from sales, and marijuana's "green" aspects – given it's a plant-based drug compared to other Class 1 drugs like heroin and cocaine.

Over the years, we've done educational programs for businesses with UPMC and the Department of Labor, discussing how they can account for the impact of medical marijuana. The educational programs have also focused on preparing businesses with information on what they need to do if recreational marijuana was legalized in Pennsylvania.

A few key points to note from these presentations that I've picked up are below.

- Marijuana is 10 to 20 times stronger today than in the 1960's and 1970's.
- The THC component affects depth perception, reaction time, coordination, and other motor skills. It also creates sensory distortion.
- Those who tested positive had 55% more industrial accidents, 85% more injuries, and 75% more absenteeism compared to those who tested negative.
- Car crashes involving marijuana increased 300% between 2010 and 2013 and continue to rise.
- Worker productivity decreased.
- Workers and unemployment compensation claims increased.
- Higher employee turnover resulted.

We should also look at the neighboring states to see how things truly are going with their legalization of recreational marijuana. I'll cite Ohio because that's who we, as a state, have been competing most with in attracting new business to Pennsylvania.

Ohio legalized recreational marijuana about 10 months ago. They're already talking about wanting to overhaul the law that made cannabis legal.

One of the key areas for business is the increase in failed drug tests by current and prospective employees. Companies in manufacturing, trucking, warehousing, construction, the gas field and other similar industries that perform pre-employment and workforce drug testing have seen a significant increase in positive tests. Some have stopped testing for THC in order to get people hired.

In addition to the workforce implications, there were also the societal impacts from its legalization. The number of accidental poisonings reported to Ohio Poison Centers for all age groups has increased 20-fold from baseline levels prior to the introduction of retail medical marijuana in early 2019. In 2024, nearly 500 children under 6 years old were seen in emergency rooms after ingesting a THC-based product.

Go to the Cleveland Clinic's website, and you'll find a list of marijuana risks. These include an increased chance of auto crashes; heightened chance of injury among adults over 65; potential contamination with pesticides or other harmful substances; and an addiction rate of nearly 1 in 10 adult users.

The efforts by Governor Shapiro in making Pennsylvania more competitive in attracting new industry to the Commonwealth and growing those we already have is great to see. I've said before that it's something we've not really seen focused on since the Rendell administration.

One thing that I think the Governor is missing is the opportunity to go to industries and tout that they won't have to deal with the same hiring challenges like in Ohio, since we still haven't legalized recreational marijuana. With labor still being a key challenge for industry leaders, this should be a key selling point when talking to companies about why they should look here in PA, instead of Ohio.

Welcome New Chamber Members!

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Upcoming PM Exchanges

Hull's Landing

Thursday, June 12, 2025 from 5-7pm

27 State Route 442 Highway
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You are invited to the Hull's Landing PM Exchange for a night of valuable networking and community connections.

Enjoy a lively atmosphere at this locally owned restaurant bar with an outdoor rooftop deck.

Hull's Landing is known for serving fresh seafood, steaks, salads, and much more.



C&N Bank

Thursday, June 26, 2025 from 5-7pm

New Trail Brewing Co.
240 Arch St. Building 18
Williamsport, PA 17701

You're Invited to the C&N PM Exchange at New Trail Brewing Company!

Join us as we celebrate 25 years in Lycoming County and over 160 years as a strong, community-focused bank. C&N is proud to be Local & Loyal, and we can't wait to connect with you!

Enjoy a relaxed evening with delicious food, craft beverages, and live music from KC Sound. Meet the C&N team, mingle with local professionals, and learn about our Lost in the Shuffle campaign and learn how you can win \$1000 for yourself and a nonprofit of your choice this summer.

Enter to win exciting door prizes
Enjoy great music & good company
Network and celebrate with us

You & Us – That's C&N!



Montoursville Chamber of Commerce

join us for a
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Tuesday, July 15
Pier 87 Bar & Grill, 5-7pm
5647 State Route 87
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Enjoy an evening at The PIER with fellow Chamber members.
\$20.00 registration includes a buffet of picnic-style foods
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Sponsorships Available!

Register online at <https://williamsport.org/upcoming-events>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming PM Exchanges Thursdays from 5-7pm

June 12: Hull's Landing

June 26: C&N Bank

July 10: John Ryan Brewery

July 24: Lycoming Arts

August 7: River Valley Health

Thank you to our PM Exchange Hosts!

Camp Susque



Thank you to the incredible team at Camp Susque for hosting a May PM Exchange! Attendees enjoyed delicious food and beverages, engaged in valuable networking, and learned more about Camp Susque's offerings. The night included a Ribbon Cutting for Susque's new pool as well as check presentations from local businesses fulfilling Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) pledges.

Herman & Luther's



Thank you to Herman & Luther's for their warm hospitality at their May PM Exchange. Attendees enjoyed lively music by KC Sound, delicious food, valuable conversations with community members, and more! We were happy to see so many new and familiar faces.

Are you interested in being featured in an upcoming Chamber Connection?

Reach out to Julia Mertes at jmertes@williamsport.org to learn more!



Save the Date

36th Annual ChamberLinks Golf Outing

Friday, September 19, 2025

7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Tee Off: 8:30 a.m.

White Deer Golf Course

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LEGACY MEMBER

Interior Construction Specialists Inc. offers array of services

By **MATTHEW COURTER**
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When shopping for construction needs, staying within a fixed budget can be difficult with the multitude of services needed to complete the job.

Interior Construction Specialists, Inc., offers a host of options to keep these services centered under one roof, according to company President Eric Hine.

Currently located at 339 E. Southern Ave., South Williamsport, the business was started by Hine's father, Ron in 1983, as a way of being closer to home.

"He was a union carpenter at the time, and a lot of his work was in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, New York, New Jersey, out that way," Hine explained.

"He had two young kids at home, myself and my sister, and he was always on the road out of town working, and he just got sick of it and the unsteady work with the union at the time," he said.

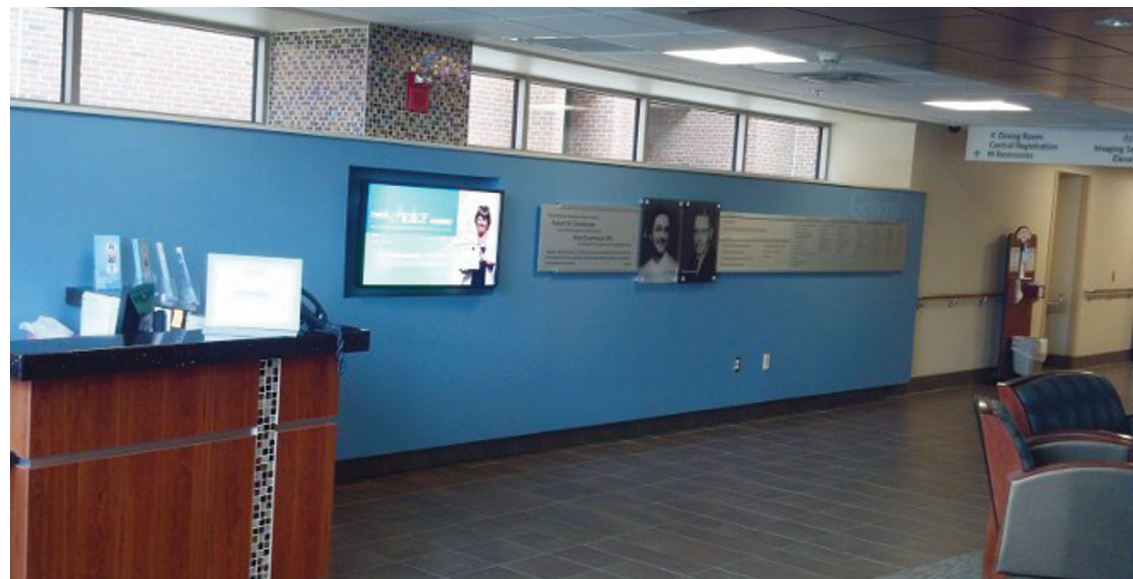
"He needed more steady income, so he found a he found a partner, they got some some financing, and established their business," Hine said.

Ron's partner would retire in 2023, with Ron following suit five years later when he sold the company to his son, who has been the sole owner ever since.

Hine holds a degree in health and physical education and had relocated to the Lansdale area after graduation, but returned to the Williamsport area in 2006 and began working with his father.

"Unlike a lot of general contractors, we self perform a lot of things. There's a lot of general contractors out there that subcontract their painting or their flooring or their drywall hanging or finishing. We self perform all that," he explained.

"We don't build buildings, but we'll go in and do the interior fit out or renovation work, either



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Some of the work done by Interior Construction Specialists Inc., as seen on the company's website.

new construction or renovation," Hine said.

Services provided by Interior Construction Specialists, Inc. include restroom remodels, framing of new walls, hanging and finishing drywall, painting ceiling work and flooring, as well as procurement of permits, all within a one hour radius of Williamsport.

Hine stresses that keeping all of these options under one umbrella amounts to a major cost savings for their customers.

"You're able to control the cost a little bit better and it controls the schedule a little bit better," he said.

"There's been times where I've heard of the contractor waiting on a painting contractor, who said they can't get there for a week or two," Hine said.

"When you're able to do all that in-house, there is no downtime. You can go from one thing to the next to the next. It's a much smoother process," he said.

Interior Construction Specialists, Inc. boasts an impressive list of clientele including Evangelical Hospital, Geisinger, Pennsylvania College of Technology,

Lycoming College and Bucknell University.

"We've done probably hundreds of projects with UPMC over the years," Hine said.

Those projects include flooring work at the cancer treatment center, the pain management and rehab center and the birthplace, labor and delivery area at UPMC Williamsport.

They have also completed work at campuses at Divine, Muncy, Wellsboro and Lock Haven.

"When the business first started, they used to do a lot of retail and restaurant work, and in the early 90s, they found their niche with with healthcare, doctors offices, medical office buildings and such," Hine said.

"We're really fortunate to have our relationship with UPMC," he said.

Working in a healthcare setting presents its own unique challenges, Hine said.

"When you do construction and healthcare work, you're expected to perform infection control measures, whether it be temporary walls or barriers of some

sort," he explained.

"We have all kinds of infection control measures and equipment, whether it be air filtration devices and air scrubbers and temporary wall systems, Tyvek suits that we have to wear, or the blue booties you have to slip on your shoes to keep things every clean and sanitary," Hine said.

"We tell all of our guys, if you're waiting to get on an elevator, and the doors open and there's people on it say, 'thanks, I'll get the next one.' Just let them go. Don't interfere with the hospital's daily operations," he said.

"If you're pushing a cart down the hallway and or tools or equipment or anything, and there's a patient bed coming the other direction, stop what you're doing, move to the side, let them pass by, whatever you can do to stay out of their way and make the disruption as little as possible," Hine said.

"Our guys are really good at that. They're very courteous, respectful, they're clean, they're well maintained, they present themselves as well," he stressed.

Those traits are part of what

puts Interior Construction Specialists, Inc. a notch above its competitors, Hine said.

"If you go in there and you're quiet, respectful, present yourself well and you're courteous, that's going to help our relationship," Hine said.

"A lot of the time, we might be renovating an office and there might be staff in there working, and whether we're behind a temporary wall or not, they'll see you coming and going, they'll hear you, they might overhear conversations," he said.

"There's no music allowed on our job sites, obviously, language is a really big one. Demeanor goes a long way. It really does," Hine stressed.

Hine said what has kept Interior Construction Specialists, Inc. thriving all these years is the combination of quality and consciousness.

"We have some of the best guys in the industry, especially in this area. I'd put some of our flooring and painting guys up against anybody else in the county," he said.

"Their quality of work is a standard that we have, and we don't accept anything less," Hine said.

"You get a whole package of satisfaction," he said.

"With other companies, people will say, 'well, they did a really nice job, but man, the guys were slobs, they were smoking cigarettes, or they were cursing, or they had loud music,'" Hine said.

"It's just my opinion, but if I had to put up with that to get a quality job, there's other contractors out there that do quality work," he said.

"But with us, you'll get one with the other, you won't get one or the other," Hine stressed.

Those interested in the services offered by Interior Construction Specialists, Inc. are encouraged to check out their website at www.interiorconstruction-specialists.com or contact them at 570-300-4861.

FEATURE MEMBER

ROAMbler platform connects people to great outdoors

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Greater Williamsport is truly the eastern gateway to the Pennsylvania Wilds.

Within a short driving distance are lakes, ponds, streams, creeks, rivers - including some waterways navigable by boat, canoe and kayak.

There are quiet natural settings, hiking and biking trails, state parks for picnics and camping, ATV riding locations and vistas to see miles of distant rolling mountainsides.

That's part of the reason why Katie Caputo, who grew up as one of those adventure seekers, said she created ROAMbler, a marketplace platform for peer-to-peer services designed to connect adventure seekers with local guides in Pennsylvania.

Asked to describe more about ROAMbler and what it can do for those seeking adventure and immersing themselves in natural surroundings, Caputo felt at ease explaining her purpose for creating the platform.

"Say goodbye to barriers like lack of skills or equipment- with ROAMbler, adventure is accessible to all, allowing you to immerse yourself in nature with the expertise of a guide," Caputo, ROAMbler owner and president, told the Sun-Gazette for this Chamber Connection story.

Asked what first gave her the idea to begin ROAMbler, she said she was inspired to start this business after realizing how many people had limited or no access to these kinds of experiences.

"I grew up on our waterways - fishing, swimming, and boating were as common to me as breathing and I sought to find a solution to the



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Kayakers enjoy a day on the river.

gaps in access for others," she said.

Knowing that people, mentors/guides were the key to making this work, Caputo said she learned that "due to high overhead and seasonality of operations, brick and mortar outfitters and services were few and far between."

Instead, ROAMbler's peer-to-peer business model, driven by technology and local independent guides, was the solution that Caputo said she landed on to attempt to fill these gaps in access - while also solving the problem of high rent versus seasonality for the outdoor recreation services workforce.

She is most proud of winning the Ben Franklin Technology Partners & PA Wilds 'Big Idea Contest' and offered a few remarks on what the impact of the award has had on the business.

"Winning the 'Big Idea Con-

test' has had a major impact on our growth," she said. ROAMbler was a self-funded, bootstrapped business from the start - growing grassroots and through word of mouth. So winning \$27,500 to invest in the business has allowed the business to upgrade its website, begin building a mobile application, and pay for much needed advertising, she noted.

How does Caputo see the business evolving over the next few years and what are some short-term and long-term goals for the business?

"Our new website went live in February of 2025 with the mobile application coming sometime this fall," she said.

"Long-term plans are to add additional features that will support peer-to-peer outdoor equipment rentals, launching a web-based apparel store with products made from

sustainably sourced materials, and expanding to offer guided experiences in every County in Pennsylvania."

What impact do you hope your business will have on the industry?

"The outdoor recreation industry has had a recent boost in interest as an economic driver in Pennsylvania," she said. A new state Office of Outdoor Recreation was launched last spring with the promise of supporting businesses in the industry.

"I hope ROAMbler will be a catalyst for industry growth highlighting the importance of guides in relation to tourism, economic impact, health and wellbeing," Caputo said.

What impact do you hope your business will have on the local community?

"I hope ROAMbler will have a positive impact in many ways," she said, adding, "I believe that a new experience can change a person's perception of the places they call home and the places they visit."

"Despite having plenty of built infrastructure, trail heads, boat launches, and public lands- many people still lack access to outdoor recreation activities.

"True access for many comes from people who have the knowledge, skills, equipment, and the willingness to guide the way.

"If we're able to get more locals on the Susquehanna River and into our forests, I think we can help people to fall in love with their communities and natural resources."

For those with skills to share there is money to earn in an industry that isn't oversaturated, and ROAMbler offers a web-based platform with tools that allow users to manage bookings, calendars, payouts, invoicing, cancellations, communication with guests, and much more.

Artificial intelligence is poised to disrupt and forever change the future of work. How does your business plan to persevere in these rapidly changing times?

"When you build a business you build it for the future. As an entrepreneur I am always thinking about how ROAMbler might fit into the world 10 years from now," Caputo remarked.

"ROAMbler uses technology as a tool to make real connections between people and the natural world.

"No artificial intelligence, screen, or virtual reality headset will ever be able to replace human connection, the smell of a forest, or the feeling of the wind on your face paddling the Susquehanna River.

Guides play a key role in helping people access these experiences and as one of the oldest professions, I see a future where guides thrive in this increasingly digital and disconnected world."

What activities can be found on the Roambler platform?

Adventure seekers can currently find guided hiking, photography, backpacking, kayaking, boating, biking, falconry, foraging, bushcraft, and survival skills experiences. There are several categories that remain unfilled by guides and we hope to soon offer environmental education, fishing, shed hunting, birding, wildlife viewing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, and many more outdoor activities.

For people with skills to share please consider becoming an independent guide, she implored.

How can Sun-Gazette and Chamber of Commerce Connection readers learn more about your business?

Learn more by visiting www.roambler.com or www.roambler.com/whyhost

NEW MEMBER

Summers Landscaping brings knowledge to growth

By **MATTHEW COURTER**

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The unofficial start of summer kicked off last week and the battle for the perfect backyard relaxation spot is on. For those looking for a little extra help, Summers Landscaping offers a wide variety of services.

“My kids asked me if I always wanted to do this, and no, I just kind of fell into it,” said owner and operator Joel Summers, a graduate of Montoursville Area High School, who now resides in Loyalsock Township.

“I loved to work outside, and I had a couple lawns on the side that I took care of with my dad,” he said.

“When I was in fifth grade, I used to get picked up and I’d go work after school. Just kind of this little family business,” Summers said.

As graduation grew near and Summers began contemplating college, his dad mentioned possibly taking up horticulture and continuing to grow the fledgling business.

“I’ve had a lot of other jobs where it was monotonous work. You did the same thing every day and there was no reward at the end. When you do a design build, at the end of the job, you can step back and see, ‘wow, I really created this,’ he explained.

After three semesters, Summers withdrew from Pennsylvania College of Technology in order to focus his attention on the business.

“We started around 1996 and hired my friends to start,” Summers said.

Eager for a more regular schedule, Summers’ father would leave his full-time job at Stroehmann’s and partnered with his son, which would continue to do until Summers bought him out last year.

Summers Landscaping began with simple lawn jobs such as mowing and trimming, and while continuing to offer those services today, has pivoted towards hardscaping.

The business is interlocking concrete and paving Institute (ICPI) and segmented retaining wall (SRW) certified.

“We do patios, retaining walls, fish ponds, low voltage lighting, pergolas and landscape,”



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Summers Landscaping is located at 1849 Liberty Drive off Lycoming Creek Road.

Summers said, naming just a few of the services offered.

Summers also offers design services.

“I can take pictures of someone’s house and impose images of the plants, the color of the foliage, the size that I feel like they’re going to be maybe a year or two after installation, and then this picture, and they’ll be able to see their house with the full landscape designed, and what it’s going to look like after installation,” he said.

The process has been incredibly beneficial in taking the guesswork out of what the final product will look like, as opposed to showing the customer a rough drawing with just symbols and letters on it.

“We do pretty much everything, including a weed spray service for weeds in landscape beds and liquid spray applications for lawn fertilization for broadleaf weed control, lawns grub control and liming,” Summers said.

“I think we’re the only company in the area that gives a two-year guarantee on our hardscapes. Even my landscapes, when I plant a plant, 90% of them will live,” he said, adding the caveat that any landscaping is, to some degree, at the mercy of Mother Nature.

Due to their dedication to delivering a qual-

ity result for their customers, Summers has relied almost exclusively on word of mouth, rather than advertising to bring in a continuous customer flow..

To give potential customers a glimpse of the work Summers is capable of, their location features a fish pond and several other landscaping displays, including outdoor LED lighting.

Though they do not sell plants on the premises, Summers keeps a large variety of plants in their on-site greenhouse, limited only by what he is able to purchase, most of which come locally sourced, all of which are purchased from within the U.S.

“Since I attended Penn College, I’m really knowledgeable with my plants and the nutrients, locations and the lighting needed to help them thrive,” he said.

Viewing himself as a “jack of all trades” and boasting a crew experienced in many different areas, Summers said he does very minimal outsourcing, working with local companies only when a job requires equipment larger than what he has on-hand.

“We all know what we’re doing, and we all think it’s really important to keep up with new trends, new methods and new products

to help continue to give everyone the best job we can,” he said, noting that the staff regularly take part in continuing education opportunities related to their varied services.

The strong reputation Summers Landscaping continues to maintain comes down to a dedicated work ethic and honesty.

“When you meet with me and my staff, you can tell that we care. We care about your job, we care about the outcome,” he said.

“We have great, friendly, smiling people, and they’re all very knowledgeable. We’re all certified at what we do and we’ve gained a lot of trust from our clients over time and again, and I think that’s what helps sell us,” Summers said.

“I’m not a business that is trying to talk my clients into spending foolish money. If anything, I’m honest enough that I will talk them out of doing something if it’s not the right job,” he stressed.

“When I go for an interview, I’m not just pointing out landscaping. I’m pointing out issues with their siding, with their gutters, with the lay of their land,” he said.

“I offer a full design service. I’ve helped customers design the entire outside of their house, their color, their siding there, so I have to be honest and very knowledgeable,” Summers said.

As a life-long area native, using his skills to bring joy to his customers is part of what drives Summers to continue such a hands-on approach to the business.

“I love the area and this community, and I just do my best to try to please everyone. It makes me happy. It makes me want to continue doing this,” Summers said.

And, it looks like the business will continue well into the future if his son’s interests are any indication.

“My youngest son is expressing a lot of interest in plants and potentially wanting to take the business over to continue to a third generation,” Summers said.

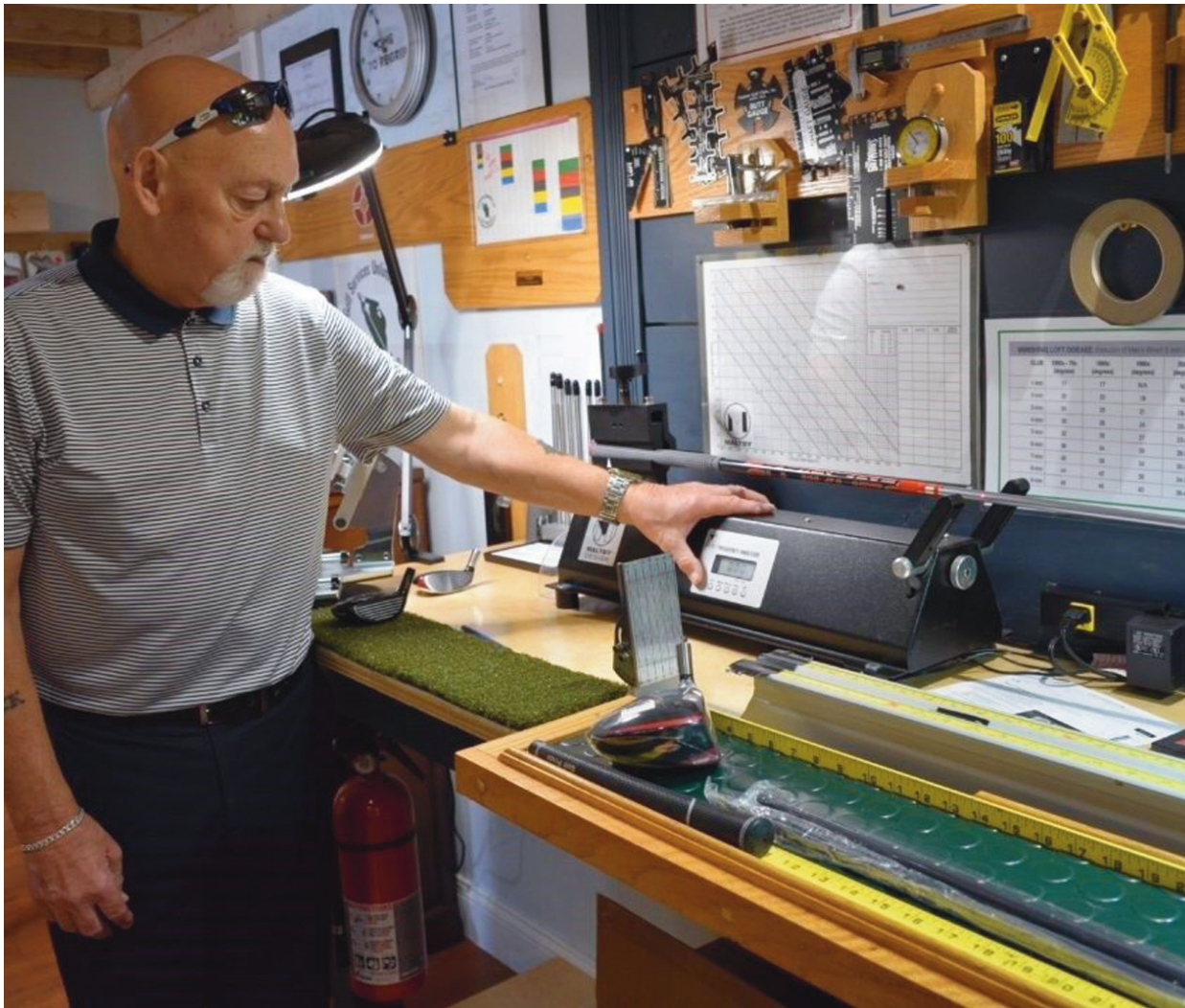
For more information and a sampling of what Summers Landscaping has to offer, visit their facebook page or their website at www.summerslandscaping.com.

SMALL BUSINESS

Years of experience, expertise aid Musselman's Golf

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Rick Musselman examines equipment at Musselman's Golf, 2055 Kenwood Ave.

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For golf enthusiasts in Greater Williamsport, there is perhaps no better place to find the latest equipment for successful play on the greens and teeing off on the many courses in the region than at Musselman's Golf in Old Lycoming Township.

"We have been at 2055 Kenwood Ave. for 10 years (right off Route 15 and Dewey Avenue), but have been in the golf business for over (50) fifty years," said store owner Rick Musselman, who oversees daily operations at the store managed by Tim Musselman. Tim and his dad are listed in the world's top 100 club fitters by KZG Golf in California. "KZG, our club designer, is committed to designing new golf equipment yearly," he said.

Rick, who is a golf author and professional golfer, has written golf tips for the Sun Gazette for the past 14 years.

Theirs is a one-of-a-kind operation, as Musselman's Golf custom-builds golf clubs to fit any person's size and swing characteristics by utilizing specialized tools of the game.

These include frequency machines, a spine analyzer, moment of inertia equipment, and a loft and lie machine.

"We also use a computer program designed by Tom Wishon," he said. Wishon is a clubfitting expert. Wishon Golf Technology is recognized as one of the industry leaders in the research of golf club design, performance and clubfitting technology.

"Our golf swing simulators give us important fitting information that would be impossible to do with the naked eye," Rick noted.

Musselman's Golf also gives golf lessons and club repairs, including golf club repair and restoring antique clubs.

Rick owned 15 golf shops and operated a club repair and fitting school in Michigan and a golf school in Florida.



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Leadership Lycoming

The most recent session for Leadership Lycoming's Class of 2025 revolved around the "Environment and Energy" in our community.

The group began by traveling to Lycoming County Resource Management Services Landfill & Recycling Center, where Donny Hassenplug, the Customer and Materials Resource Specialist, led a tour of the facilities. The tour started by reviewing the recycling process, and it included a discussion on both the automated and manual operation that goes into single stream recycling. We then proceeded to the landfill site and discussed the logistics of the operation, including daily capacities, construction of new sections, and gas capture operations that generate energy to supply to our electric grid. Notably, Donny provided an example the liner system which catches water, keeping it out of our groundwater and allowing it to be treated and cleaned.

Next, the class traveled to the Hamilton Patriot Power Plant, which operates two natural gas-powered turbines and includes mechanisms to capture and utilize steam generated through the process. Sean Davis, who is the General Manager of the plant, taught us about the operational considerations, and the benefits of natural gas power, including significantly improved efficiency and emissions metrics compared to their coal-powered peers.

We ate a fantastic lunch at John Ryan Brewery (we'll have to stop back on a non-class day for their beer) before heading to the Williamsport Municipal Water Authority to review how our drinking water is cleaned and treated. Jodi Muthler, Filter to Plant Superintendent, reviewed where our water comes from, pointing out the quality of the source water for our area. She took us through each step of the treatment process, and allowed us to watch a filter backwash, which uses roughly 60,000 gallons of water to clean filter mediums and then recycles that water by allowing sediment to settle and returning the water to the process.

We finished the day at First Community Foundation Partnership with Matt Henderson, owner of Henderson Consulting, and expert in the Marcellus Shale and natural gas industry. He discussed the process of extracting natural gas, including the vast improvements in processes, the benefits to the community that generate from natural gas production in our county, and the outlook for operations in the Marcellus Shale.

Overall, it was fascinating to learn about these complex operations through the eyes of the folks who know them best. Most importantly, the attention to the balance between energy production, resource allocation and availability, and environmental safety and sustainability is delicate. We are lucky to have these entities and people expertly and thoughtfully walking the tightrope.

We are very grateful to our hosts, Matt Henderson, Class of 2007, and Sherry Paulhamus, Class of 2013. Days like this are made possible by our amazing sponsors! Thank you to our Annual Sponsors: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Hope Enterprises, UPMC North Central Pa. and West! Special thanks as well to our Environment and Energy Day sponsors: IBG Business and Range Resources Corporation.



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Little League® World Series



Grand Slam Parade

- Event Date: August 12, 2025 from 5-7:30pm
- Grand Slam Parade Program Deadline: July 1, 2025
- Vendor Registration Deadline: July 25, 2025
- Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available

Williamsport Welcomes The World

- Event Date: August 22, 2025 from 5-9pm
- Vendor Registration Deadline: August 8, 2025
- Sponsorship Opportunities Available

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EVENT PROFILE

The Grand Slam Parade, in its 19th year, is the kick-off to the 78th Little League World Series® in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and will welcome the 20 teams that have made it to the 2025 event. The 2024 parade had over 40,000 people in attendance. WNEP-TV, the ABC affiliate out of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, is our broadcast television partner and will air it live on their main station. Participants include all 20 Little League teams, a former Major League Baseball Player/Manager (TBA), regional and local marching bands, dance groups, floats, fire trucks and much more. The Parade begins at the intersections of Susquehanna Street and West Fourth Street and moves up Fourth Street ending at Market Street. Over 100 units showing their stuff along the parade route, with bleachers along the way and plenty of sidewalk space to cheer.



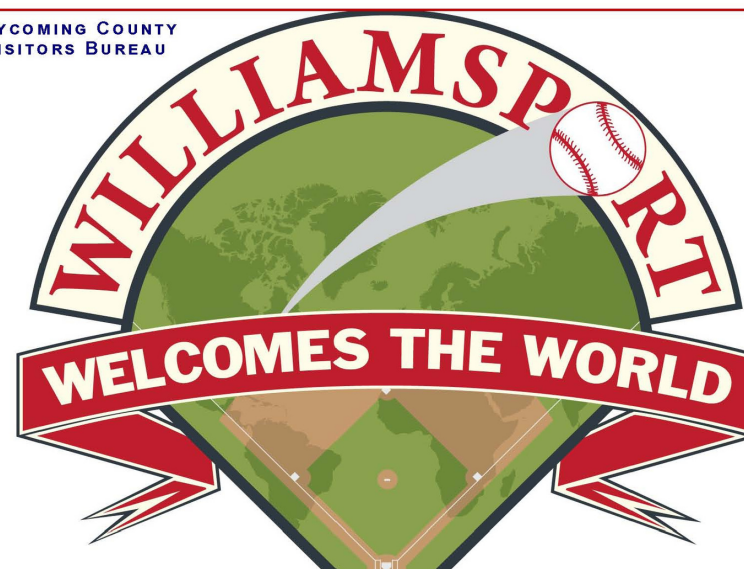
DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 12, 5:00pm - 7:30pm

ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE: 40,000+

TARGET AUDIENCE: Families, youth, teens, adults and seniors

LOCATION: Susquehanna and West Fourth Streets to Market and West Fourth Streets, Williamsport

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EVENT PROFILE

Williamsport Welcomes the World is the annual celebration by the City of Williamsport and Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce on the Friday of Championship Weekend during the 78th Little League World Series® in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Join baseball fans and the community on Friday August 22nd as we welcome the teams, families and visitors to downtown Williamsport for the 14th Williamsport Welcomes the World. Over 20,000 people participated in the 2024 event. The street festival has a variety of programs including live music, kids zones full of fun and free activities, along with various food and merchandise vendors.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, August 22, 5:00pm - 9:00pm

ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE: 20,000+

TARGET AUDIENCE: Families, youth, teens, adults and seniors

LOCATION: Downtown Williamsport, Pennsylvania

HELP US WELCOME THE WORLD TO WILLIAMSPORT

Little League® World Series Welcome Banners



Help welcome the visitors to Williamsport and Lycoming County attending this year's Little League® World Series. The Lycoming County Visitors Bureau in partnership with Little League Baseball® have 125 banners for area businesses to hang **inside** their storefront windows. The banners measure 6' wide x 3' high. If you would like to display one of these banners, please complete the below information.

A representative from the Visitors Bureau will deliver the banner to your business in the beginning of August. **There is no cost for your business to participate in this program.** In early September, after the Little League® World Series, the Visitors Bureau will again be stopping by your business to pick up the banner.



*** The banners are to be displayed INSIDE your business and not to be hung outside at any time.**

Since these banners will be used on an annual basis, the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau requires that the banner must be returned in the same condition as delivered.

Any damage to the banner will result in a **\$75.00** charge to your business for a replacement banner.

Lycoming County Visitors Bureau will inspect the banner at time of pick-up in early September.

Yes, I would like a banner for inside my business:

Name _____
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Phone _____
Signature _____

Return to: Fax back to Lycoming County Visitors Bureau at (570) 321-1209 or scan and email to gedwards@williamsport.org



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings



Hush Medical Spa Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Friday, June 6, 2025
400 Market St., Williamsport
Ribbon Cutting @ 5pm
Open House 4-7pm

Phased Alloy Research and Testing Services LLC (P.A.R.T.S.) Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, June 7, 2025
129 Turkey Bottom Rd., Muncy
Ribbon Cutting @ 11am
Open House 10am-2pm

Lash by Keisha 2 Year Anniversary & Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, June 14, 2025
315 Pine St., Williamsport
Ribbon Cutting @ noon
Open House 10am-2pm

Faddies Ice Cream & Pizza 10th Anniversary & Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, June 21, 2025
348 Broad Street, Montoursville
Ribbon Cutting @ noon
Doors open at 11am

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Registration: 10:30am Brunch/Program: 11:00am—12:30pm
Farrington Place
June 12th, 2025

**You are invited to help celebrate the graduation of the
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Janai Arbogast, UPMC
William Baney, McCormick Law Firm
Kaysey Beury, Pennsylvania College of Technology
Brian Clemmons, West Pharmaceutical Services
Timothy Colburn, Journey Bank
Jennifer Cullin-Hetrick, Pennsylvania College of Technology
Samantha Ecker, Larson Design Group
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Lori Kriner, Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board

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Stephanie Steinbacher, Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak
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Christina VanDergrift, Six West Settlements
Tonya Welshans, WellSpan Health
Rebecca Winters, Geisinger Medical Center-Muncy
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Susan Yost, Lycoming College

Leadership Lycoming Class of 2025 Graduation: June 12, 2025, Farrington Place
Register online at Williamsport.org or return form below. Please call 570-320-4216 with questions.

Please make _____ Reservation(s) @ \$25.00/person (class member is no charge) Total \$_____