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

Summer is finally here after what seemed like an extended grab by early spring weather to remind us that we're in Pennsylvania. Now, however, it looks like summer is in control, and we're getting those hot, sunny days when we can get outdoors and enjoy all of the great recreational amenities in our area.

At the end of May, we did a ribbon cutting at EmmUcare during Muncy's Fourth Friday, and it was cold and dreary. Fast forward to the ribbon cutting that we did at Roast & Refuel at the end of June during Fourth Friday in Muncy, and it was perfect weather. And by the way, if you haven't been to Muncy's Fourth Friday yet, you definitely need to make plans to go. They have a great number of vendors covering several blocks of South Main Street. It's a perfect setting with the Federal-style homes that dot that stretch of streets.

While we do have great activities to enjoy through all four seasons, my favorite has always been summer because everything is green and lush with the wonderful smells of the outdoors. We also get to attend all these great events and activities during this time of year. For instance, my youngest was at a soccer camp in Millville. With three hours to kill, I parked a couple of miles north at a pull-off site in the woods, listening to Little Fishing Creek in the background. It would have only been better if I was on a bike like the cyclist that rode past moments prior.

With our abundance of outdoor recreation amenities in Lycoming County and the rest of the Pennsylvania Wilds region, it's great to see that the first national retailer secured for The District at Lycoming Valley is Bass Pro Shops. They are the premier outdoor recreation retailer in the United States and Canada with just over 160 stores, including Cabela's, which they bought a few years ago. Excluding Cabela's locations, there are just under 110 Bass Pro Shops. That means this development isn't like a Dollar General or Family Dollar that has – what appears to be – several hundred more stores dotted across the US alone.

Congratulations to FAMvest Partners for landing Bass Pro Shops and focusing on securing them. There was a lot of local chatter about what was happening at the property with some people even claiming that illegal immigrants were being housed at the property, coming in on secret late night flights at the Williamsport Regional Airport. FAMvest could have easily cashed out and let someone else take on this challenge.

Others deserving recognition for this development include the County Commissioners, the Muncy Creek Township Supervisors, Senator Gene Yaw, Representative Joe Hamm, the Lycoming Economic Development Foundation, the Muncy School District and Journey Bank. They all played a role in providing both resources and a welcoming community while helping get Bass Pro Shops here.

It would be remiss of me to not mention the Chamber's role in helping to coordinate and facilitate all of the parties involved in this project. We not only worked with all of the aforementioned entities, but we also had correspondence with Johnny Morris (the CEO of Bass Pro Shops) through two personnel letters from him in response to ones we mailed.

This – like many other projects – didn't just happen. Talks with FAMvest about Project Blue Whale (the name used for Bass Pro Shops due to non-disclosure agreements) began in late 2023. The first meeting we had with a Bass Pro representative was in Harrisburg in early January 2024 with Senator Yaw, Representative Hamm, the County Commissioners, FAMvest and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Many other meetings occurred over that time with various stakeholders.

The non-disclosure agreement and the use of a project name ("Project Blue Whale") caused many people in the area to create their own narrative on what was going on at The District. This is where local chatter about housing for illegal immigrants comes into play.

People will hopefully appreciate that this is a standard practice for many companies because they don't want their competitors to know where they may be considering for their next expansion.

It's also important to realize that it wasn't just The District at Lycoming Valley being considered for this store. Bass Pro Shops was also looking hard at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton market for this development.

We needed to show why our location in Muncy was going to be a better fit for them than the larger population base found 60 miles east of us. This meant showing Bass Pro Shops the strengths of the Muncy area, Lycoming County and the Pennsylvania Wilds region. Our community embodies much of what Bass Pro Shops looks for when selecting a store location.

Consider that Gander Mountain was the third most profitable store for corporate before they were purchased by Camping World. After being bought, Camping World wanted all Gander properties to also start selling campers. The Muncy location couldn't do that because of its parcel size. Not being able to meet this requirement to sell campers, this site was closed. Many people didn't know this and just thought it was closed due to poor performance. The previous store manager was married to one of our team members at the office and shared this detail with me. We actually used this as part of the background information that we shared with Bass Pro about the market.

Lycoming County is also a gateway to the PA Wilds region. This region has an abundance of outdoor recreation amenities, including 28 state parks and one national forest. We included details about the PA Wilds and provided a picture of the PA Wilds barn that's less than two miles from the presented store location.

To me, we were the right choice for them, knowing who we are, why we live here and the appreciation we have for the outdoors.

*They are a great first retailer for FAMvest and one that will have others follow them because of the large number of patrons that shop at a Bass Pro. There's much more to be done, and we look forward to working with FAMvest and the other stakeholders in the community to bring more retailers to The District at Lycoming Valley.*

# Welcome New Chamber Members!

## Firetree Place

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Waste Management



# Upcoming PM Exchanges



## John Ryan Brewery

**Thursday, July 10, 2025 from 5-7pm**  
151 East 3rd St.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

Please join John Ryan Brewery for their PM Exchange.

Welcome to John Ryan Brewery, where craft beer, artisan cocktails, and globally inspired cuisine come together in a beautifully restored mansion in Williamsport. Enjoy a warm, inviting atmosphere across multiple dining spaces—from our elegant main room to the cozy tavern and outdoor patio. Our seasonal menu and house-brewed beers set the stage for unforgettable meals and memorable gatherings. Whether you're here for a casual night out or a private event, we're ready to make your experience special. Come raise a glass and feel right at home.



## Lycoming Arts

**Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 5-7pm**  
46 West 4th St.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

This networking opportunity allows Lycoming Arts to educate our peers from the WCC about our programs and events as well as show the economic impact of a vital and thriving art scene to our city, county and region. Lycoming Arts initiatives drive downtown vitality and regional identity. We actively collaborate with businesses, city projects (e.g., Riverwalk, airport), and neighborhoods to enhance public spaces and welcome commerce.

We look forward to welcoming members with wine supplied and served by Ed Metzger, a charcuterie table and various beer offerings. We will have a signature Gourmet Basket as a door prize. There is an opportunity to "Meet the Artist" in our professional gallery ( Leslie Landon) as well as various raffles, books and more on offer.

## Upcoming Picnic Events

join us for a  
**picnic at the Pier**  
**Tuesday, July 15**  
**Pier 87 Bar & Grill, 5-7pm**  
**5647 State Route 87**  
**Williamsport, PA 17701**

Enjoy an evening at The PIER with fellow Chamber members.  
\$20.00 registration includes a buffet of picnic-style foods  
& a complimentary drink ticket. (cash bar)  
**Sponsorships Available!**

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

**PICNIC AT THE PINE CREEK INN**  
Hosted by the Jersey Shore Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
Enjoy a relaxing evening of food and drinks on the Inn's deck  
along Pine Creek.  
Registration includes your choice of 3 entrees and a  
drink ticket. (dinner comes with bread, peppers & salad)  
**5645 NORTH ROUTE 44 HIGHWAY, JERSEY SHORE**  
**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**SEPT 11, 2025**  
**FEATURING MUSIC BINGO**  
**WIN A TOMAHAWK STEAK DINNER!**



# Thank you to our June PM Exchange Hosts!

## Hull's Landing



Thank you to the team at Hull's Landing for providing lively music, delicious food, and valuable networking opportunities at their June PM Exchange.

The public can visit Hull's Landing for a meal at 27 State Route 442, Highway, Muncy, PA 17756.

## C&N Bank



Thank you to the C&N team for hosting a quality networking event at New Trail Brewing Co. in Williamsport with food from Mel's Deli & Cafe and entertainment by KC Sound.

The event provided community members with an opportunity to meet the C&N team and learn about the organization's offerings.



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# SMALL BUSINESS

## Dad's BBQ seeing 'tremendous growth'

By **ALYSSA MANEVAL**  
Sun-Gazette Correspondent

Dad's BBQ began when Jennifer Winters bought her husband, Marshall Winters, a small smoker for inside the grill.

"He fell in love with that," Jennifer said.

They upgraded from there and cooked for friends and family. People kept telling them they should be selling their food.

"It started out as a venture on the side," Marshall said.

Their first event was at Squarewood Acres Campground in August of 2022.

"Our menu was so small back then," Marshall said.

They picked the name Dad's BBQ because Marshall didn't want anything too complicated, to honor his dad and because he loves "dad jokes" that make their sons roll their eyes, which explains the "Hi Hungry, I'm Dad" motto on their trailer. Jennifer handled most of their marketing and label designs.

The brisket is the most sought-out food at their events, Jennifer said.

"We have a lot of loyal brisket followers," she said.

The Momma's Mac is their top side, but the Gangsta Green beans are popular at weddings. The people that don't get them ask for it because they hear everyone around them talking about it.

"People rave about our green beans," Jennifer said.

When they first started, they set up at locations around Lycoming County, getting their name out there. They catered their first wed-



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**The Dad's BBQ crew, above, work a truck, also seen at left, at a Penn State "White-Out" game.**



ding in October of 2022.

From there, with word of mouth, they grew. Originally they were able to cook out of their house, but they expanded and now are headquartered at 5316 Lycoming Mall Drive, Montoursville.

When they first started, an event with 200 people would cause them to "freak out," Marshall said. Then that number grew to 250, then 300. Now they can cater events with 800 people.

"We want to be trusted with

larger events," Marshall said.

"But we still love the 100-people events," Jennifer said.

That first year, they primarily did pop-up events. In 2023, they added more catering. By 2024, more than half of their events were catering. This year, that number grew to 90 percent. They booked more than 20 weddings this year and they are already booking weddings for 2026.

When they first began booking weddings, catering one a day was a big deal. Now they can have two

or three in a day, plus a graduation party, by splitting the team, Jennifer said.

"It's been tremendous growth with the team," she said. "It's been great to see."

What started as a duo has grown over the years. In November 2022, Chris Anthony, who Marshall described as "super passionate about BBQ," was looking for a full-time job.

With Marshall being "Dad" and Jennifer being "Momma," Chris as the pit master gets the title of "Uncle Chris."

"I'm Dad," Marshall said. "Chris routinely gets called Dad because he's older than me."

Last year, Randy Dixon joined the team as the part-time cook, prep and cleaning.

"A lot of work goes on behind the scenes," Jennifer said.

In addition to the four core members, they also have other part-time employees that help with catering events.

"We're focused on being one of the best in central Pennsylvania," she said.

One of the benefits of doing catering events is making it easier to plan.

"We don't like to run out of food or close early," Jennifer said. "We make sure we have enough food for people."

However, she called it a double-edged sword because they also didn't want to have too much food left over going to waste. They used the leftovers to start their "Feed a Fam" program and asked Face-

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# FEATURE MEMBER

## Skills of Central Pennsylvania celebrates 65 years

By **MATTHEW COURTER**  
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For 65 years, Skills of Central Pennsylvania has been a mainstay in the community, helping those with intellectual disabilities receive job training and residential services, but as the organization reaches its latest milestone, it shows no sign of slowing down.

The organization was founded in 1960 by a group of parents in Bellefonte who saw the need for a program to help their adult children who had intellectual disabilities gain work experience.

"They basically created a vocational training program for their children to go to during the day. And that grew into a vocational training program where they got businesses involved, and the individuals could earn money doing different tasks at those different businesses," explained Val Barner, President and CEO of Skills of Central Pennsylvania.

While today, funding for the organization comes from the state Office of Developmental Programs via the Department of Human Services, Medicaid for some of our programs. So we started in, you know, we started with the vocational training program, in the early years, many of the parents involved in Skills' initial set up provided the funds to cover payroll, Barner said.

As the organization grew, more programs were added, including residential community homes and employment services.

"The vocational training program is where an individual, 18 years or older, with an intellectual disability can go and learn some skills around employment and pos-



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**Skills of Central Pennsylvania, led by Val Barner, CEO and president, left, offers job training and residential services for people with intellectual disabilities, as seen above in a photo from the service provider's website.**



sibly get paid," Barner said.

This includes job coaching and supportive services.

"We have community homes, where we provide 24/7 support. So individuals with an intellectual dis-

ability live in our homes, and we provide support, which varies depending on their individual needs," she said.

Around 20 years ago, Skills expanded into the behavioral health realm, offering some psychiatric rehabilitation programs, which are billed to Medicaid.

A Clubhouse program was another of the organization's additions, with one located in Williamsport, and ran by the Community Services Group.

A summer program is also offered, in partnership with the county joinder, each year to help those still in high school prepare to tran-

sition to the workforce.

"We also do life sharing, which is where a family would open up their homes, and have an individual with an intellectual disability live with you, and they would become part of your family, and then you would get paid a monthly stipend to have them live with you," Barner explained.

Skills offers its services to a large swath of the state, encompassing 17 counties, from Jefferson and Indiana in the west, to Bedford, and Adams counties in the south, and a total of around 700 to 750 individuals in that area.

2025 marks a special year for

the organization as this is the first benchmark anniversary they are able to

celebrate due to the pandemic.

"We weren't able to celebrate the 60th because that was during COVID and everything was shut down, so we're going to do some regional events, and all of our employees and the individuals that we support can attend one of them or all of them," Barner said.

A couple of the upcoming events planned include outings at Del Grosso's Amusement Park and Knoebels Grove.

With that 65th anniversary on the horizon, the impact of Skills of Central Pennsylvania on those it has served is not lost on Barner.

"It's been exciting to be a part of the organization that has survived for 65 years and continues to grow and serve the communities that we are part of," she said.

"It's rewarding to see the impact we make, particularly on the people we're supporting. It's what brings us all back to work every day," Barner said.

"When we get to see the impact we're making on an individual's life, that's why we're doing what we're doing. And when you walk into one of our day programs, and everybody's so excited to see you, you know you're making an impact, or when I see one of my directors or vice-presidents walking into a program, and everybody is happy to see them and wants to talk to them, and you know that staff person has made a direct impact on all those people," she said.

For more information on Skills of Central Pennsylvania, including visits to programs and with residential services, please visit [www.skillsofcentralpa.org](http://www.skillsofcentralpa.org).



# NEW MEMBER

## The Petal Parcel offers ‘a fresh take on the industry’

By **MATTHEW COURTER**

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For Heidi Lane, there was always something about the power of flowers to make people happy that called to her, and after quickly moving from working in her garage to opening her first storefront for The Petal Parcel, on Hepburn Street in September of last year, Lane is in the midst of a move to a larger location, driven by high customer demand.

“I always wanted to create a brand and the Petal Parcel is that brand. I wanted to create a story, and just be very open and let people get to know me, my business and my family,” Lane said.

In August 2023, Lane opened her floral business, initially working out of her garage.

“It had no heat or air conditioning. I was just kind of doing it for the love of flowers, really, and the love of the sentiment of it all,” she said.

“I feel like I offer a fresh take on the industry in general. I don’t follow rules,” Lane said, crediting her creative sensitivities for her quick rise in popularity.

“People have been really receptive to things I want to try. It’s really incredible,” Lane, who at one point was attending school for criminal justice, said, stressing that she is mostly self taught.

“I’ve always been very creative, but I would watch people and how they put things together. I learned so much from watching florists do their everyday work on Tik Tok live,” Lane continued.

The Petal Parcel focuses on everyday events, birthdays, anniversaries and the like and has begun her working more with weddings.



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**The Petal Parcel is moving to a new location at 801 E. Third St..**

Additionally, they offer same day delivery.

Lane’s flair for the unique led her to receive the Sun-Gazette Reader’s Choice award in her first year.

Since that time, Lane’s business quickly bloomed, necessitating a move to a larger space.

“I grew out of this space pretty quickly, and it just so happened to be at the right time,” she said of the space that she acquired during the COVID-19 pandemic and previously rented out.

With the increase in space, Lane plans to expand on her already impressive offerings.

“Its like five times the space, so I’m gonna do a lot more plants. I want to have a plant your own pot type of station that anybody can come in and do whatever they want.

Another station Lane looks to have is for people to plant their own

kokedama ball and accessorize it how they want with bling, jewelry, etc.

“I haven’t seen much of that before, so it’s kind of coming out of my own brain,” she said.

“I also wanted to do an open house every month, so people come in and build their own bouquet,” Lane said.

She will also be venturing into customizable arrangements, complete with photos and themes of what the receiver is interested in.

A grand reopening in the new location, 801 E. Third St., is being planned for July.

Even with the expansion of the business, Lane remains committed to mental health awareness, which she said has always been integral to her brand.

“I really stay true to that. I think there’s a huge need in this communi-

ty for so many different charities and fundraisers that people do, honestly need,” she said.

“For myself, it feels so good to help other people, and people love to receive these gestures,” Lane said, stressing the trickle down effect of helping to even just brighten someone’s day.

“When you start it, it keeps going, and it can change 20 people’s whole day by doing something like that,” she said.

This outlook will be the basis for her new location, she said.

“It’s very high dopamine, which means that it’s very maximalist. It’s going to be a lot of wacky colors and patterns, things like that. So when people walk in, they just feel different,” Lane explained.

“I want it to be a full fun experience where people can come in, they can buy flowers, they can hands-on

make something, or they can just come in and hang out with me and talk like a lot of people do,” she said.

“I want my brand to be more than flowers. I want it to be more of a feel good brand, where people know what they’re supporting, because that’s what small business is,” Lane said, stressing the often unseen impact of buying local.

“When you’re buying from a small business, you could be putting their kid through dance class, things like that. That’s why it’s very important to me to be at my store and talk to my customers, and they get to know me and I get to know them,” she said.

“That connection is so important, whether you’re buying something or not. I want people to want to support my brand and the things that it stands for, which includes mental health,” Lane said.

And while the demand for Lane’s products has risen so dramatically, the enormity can get lost in the day-to-day of it all.

“I think it’s awesome, but I don’t really dwell on it,” she said.

“I just want to keep providing my best product and moving in a direction where it’s just enhancing what I’m doing and being able to serve more people and do more things,” Lane said.

“With this expansion, I plan on hiring somebody to help me, and I’m so thankful because this has literally been my dream,” she said.

With the move, Lane has also begun a new vase recycling initiative, where those that bring in six vases receive 10% off their order.

“They can drop them off anytime, because you actually cannot recycle them at the recycling center due to the type of glass they’re made of, she said.



# LEGACY MEMBER

## Lycoming County Fair ‘cultivates future generations’

By MARK MARONEY  
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The 154th Lycoming County Fair is just about to kick off with a theme titled “Cultivating the Future Generations.”

The fair, which runs from July 9 through 19, is at the Lycoming County Fairgrounds in Hughesville.

The fair gate admission is \$4 for adults, with those 12 and under free, but there are days when the admission price varies and specials.

Hughesville will soon see thousands of visitors walking in the loop and checking out the rides, gift vendors, food vendors, exhibits featuring local and regional agriculture, produce, baked goods, school art, and farm animals and livestock demonstrations.

Rocky Reed, the Lycoming County Fair president, recently told members of the media about 75,000 people arrive at the fair every year.

Daily events include those at the Amelia Earhart Funway such as pig races, a petting zoo, dog demo, two nightly performances by the Hughesville High School Theatre Club, draft horse demos by Varner Farms and the Magic Jamie Show featuring magician Jamie Patrush.

The major shows at the Grandstands include Twilight Harness Racing, 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; Bullride Mania Rodeo Co., 6:30 p.m. Friday; Antique Tractor Pull, 10 a.m. Saturday; Demolition Derby/Figure 8 Racing, 5 p.m., Sunday; Live Pro Wrestling Monday Night Mayhem, 7 p.m., Monday; Country Legends Band and Ray Kinley Jr. as Elvis, 8 p.m. Tuesday; 3rd Annual “Off the Farm” Antique Tractor Pull, 6 p.m. Wednesday; Demolition Derby/Figure 8 Racing, 7 p.m. Thursday; Dale Wheeland Memorial Tractor Pull, 6 p.m. Friday and the 15th Annual PATPA 4X4 Gas and Diesel Truck Pull, 4 p.m. Saturday.

The fair board has scheduled new displays and food vendors, Rocky



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A rider maintains his grip on a bull rope while competing in a rodeo at the 2024 Lycoming County Fair in Hughesville.

Reed, fair president, said at the media day.

New this year at the fair is \$2 Tuesday, along with a whoopie pie and gingerbread contest.

The gingerbread contest will be judged on Tuesday by celebrity judges.

On Wednesday, the fair will have

the whoopie pie baking contest.

There will be Senior Citizen and Military Appreciation Days on Wednesday, July 16 and Thursday, July 17, respectively, making attendance free all day with a valid ID.

Rides and games will be provided by SunShine Shows, LLC.

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Dad's BBQ has fed people around Lycoming County, at Lewisburg Arts Festival and even at the White-Out game at Penn State.

While the Dad's BBQ trailer isn't out at public events as often as it used to be, people looking for their food can find "Porky Packs" and some sauces for sale at Tebbs Farms and Greenhouses. They also encourage people to follow them on Facebook for updates on where they will be next. To order food, email [FeedMe@LetDadCook.com](mailto:FeedMe@LetDadCook.com).



**Marshall and Jennifer Winters, left, operate Dad's BBQ, a food truck and catering business with Randy Dixon and Chris Anthony, right.**







# Leadership Lycoming

On June 12, we celebrated the Leadership Lycoming Class of 2025 with a beautiful Graduation Brunch at Farrington Place, and what a class it has been!

This group of professionals has been nothing short of inspiring, showing up each month with energy, curiosity, and a true passion for making our community better. We couldn't have asked for a more engaging group of future leaders!

Special thanks to Farrington Place for providing such a stunning space and a delicious brunch to mark this milestone!

We were honored to hear from Sam Ecker of Larson Design Group, who was chosen by her classmates to be their Class Speaker. Sam shared a powerful reflection on what Leadership Lycoming meant to her, especially as someone who came to our area from a large city...it was a true reminder of the impact this program has in connecting and grounding leaders in our local community.



A heartfelt congratulations to Mike Barclay of Crockett Financial Services, this year's recipient of the Donna Bastian Community Service Award. It was a well-deserved recognition of service, compassion, and commitment to others!



To all of our sponsors, alumni, and local partners: THANK YOU! Your support is what makes this program possible year after year. It is your belief in the power of Leadership Lycoming that helps keep this mission alive!

While we're still soaking in the pride and joy of watching the Class of 2025 cross the finish line, we're also looking ahead with excitement as we prepare to welcome the Class of 2026 to their own incredible journey!

We also want to extend our deepest thanks to David Boyle, who has completed his term as Chair of the Leadership Lycoming Operating Committee. Dave's steady leadership, thoughtful guidance, and unwavering commitment to this program have left a lasting mark and we are so grateful for everything he's done to move Leadership Lycoming forward!

And last but not least... in true Leadership Lycoming fashion... the Class of 2025 just MAY be the Best Class Ever!



## The Leadership Lycoming Class of 2025

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

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Christina VanDergrift, Six West Settlements

Tonya Welshans, WellSpan Health

Rebecca Winters, Geisinger Medical Center-Muncy

Christine Woods, North Central Sight Services

Susan Yost, Lycoming College

# Little League® World Series



## Grand Slam Parade

- Event Date: August 12, 2025 from 5-7:30pm
- 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

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

LYCOMING COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

2025 SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

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

LYCOMING COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

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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



# June Ribbon Cuttings



## Hush Medical Spa



**400 Market Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701**

## Phased Alloy Research and Testing Services LLC (P.A.R.T.S.)



**129 Turkey Bottom Road  
Muncy, PA 17756**

## Lash By Keisha/Waxing with Erin Beauty Studio



**315 Pine Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701**

## Faddies Ice Cream & Pizza



**348 Broad Street  
Montoursville, PA 17754**

## Center for Community Resources



**800 W. 4th Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701**

## Roast & Refuel



**9 North Main Street  
Muncy, PA 17756**

**Congratulations on your successful Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and Open House events!**

# Member Renewals

## Members 2-5 Years

2310 Apparel LLC  
 Bassett Engineering, Inc.  
 Davie Jane Gilmour  
 GetHRready  
 International Development Company  
 Jasper Steel Works LLC  
 Karen Retorick  
 Leighton Place Senior Living  
 MAROTTA/MAIN Architects  
 McConnell's Country Store  
 Pennsylvania Business Central  
 The Bar on Market

## Members 6-10 Years

Dunkin' Donuts  
 Gracious Meadows  
 Masters Excavating LLC  
 Nomad Distilling Co.  
 PennCore Consulting  
 Perfect-2-Perfect  
 PlumbingMasters  
 R&B Insurance Services, LLC  
 Ronald McDonald House of Danville, Inc.  
 Tiadaghton Farm  
 Under Pressure Connections LLC  
 USI Insurance Services  
 Wilson Trophy Company  
 Wolfe's General Store/Slate Run Tackle Shop

## Members 11-15 Years

Chef Hosch & Ann Catering, Inc.  
 Energy Transfer  
 Fry's Fire Protection, LLC  
 Orchard Pump & Supply Co., Inc.  
 Rogers Uniforms LLC

## Members 16-20 Years

Comfort Inn of Williamsport  
 Eric Stashak Commercial Photography  
 and Video Production  
 Hutchinson Realty Development, LLC  
 Santino's Italian Cuisine

## Member 23 Years

Susquehanna Computer Innovations, Inc.

## Member 38 Years

Ettinger's Landscaping Services and  
 Garden Center

***Are you interested in  
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Call Taryn Hartle at  
 570-320-4209  
 or apply online at  
[www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org)



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[zmoro@wilsontrophy.com](mailto:zmoro@wilsontrophy.com)

Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce - 102 West Fourth Street - Williamsport, PA 17701  
 (570) 326-1971 - [www.williamsport.org](http://www.williamsport.org)

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If group premium is:	\$32 million
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If member premium is:	\$20,000
<b>Dividend earned will be:</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

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## Dividend Declared for the ChamberChoice Business Insurance Program Program has returned \$13.6 million in dividends over 13 years

Chambers of Commerce Service Corporation (CCSC) is pleased to announce that Penn National Insurance has declared a 3% dividend for the ChamberChoice Business Insurance program.

Members who placed their insurance coverage with Penn National Insurance during the 2023/2024 program year as well as remained active chamber members and policyholders through the end of the program year will receive a dividend check in June. The program is an agreement between CCSC and Penn National Insurance to offer a business insurance program to the 56,000 members of over 70 chambers affiliated with CCSC.

Since its inception in 2011, the program has grown to more than \$28 million in written premiums and has returned \$13.6 million in dividends to members. The ChamberChoice Business Insurance program is one of many benefits that CCSC offers its member Chambers. An important aspect of the program is preventing loss and controlling claims costs.

Through loss control services, Penn National Insurance and local, independent insurance agents encourage member businesses to develop safety practices to substantially reduce or eliminate workplace injuries. The program is sold exclusively through local, independent agents who can offer chamber members a variety of coverages and pricing on property and casualty insurance.



## Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce FBLA Essay Winners

It's the Jersey Shore Area Chamber of Commerce's pleasure to congratulate three outstanding students for their essays in the annual Future Business Leaders of America scholarship contest.

- 1st place: Samara Kisko
- 2nd place: Aiden Palmeter
- 3rd place: Benjamin Dalton

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the program this year, and to the Jersey Shore Chamber's Essay Committee for reviewing the applications. "The Students of today will be our business leaders of tomorrow."



## Montoursville Chamber of Commerce FBLA Essay Winner

Karleigh McKenna, Montoursville Area High School's Senior Class President and a member of Future Business Leaders of America, won the 2025 Montoursville Chamber of Commerce Essay Competition Scholarship.

Participants composed a 500-word essay regarding an important part of their high school career that will benefit them most after graduation. Karleigh's passion for business and leadership is taking her to Penn State University to study Business Administration and Law.

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Upcoming Chamber Events


July 10: John Ryan Brewery  
PM Exchange

July 15: Montoursville Chamber of  
Commerce Picnic at the Pier

July 24: Lycoming Arts  
PM Exchange

August 7: River Valley Health  
PM Exchange

August 12: Grand Slam Parade



The 36th annual

CHAMBERLINKS GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

WHITE DEER GOLF COURSE • REGISTRATION: 7:30AM • TEE OFF: 8:30AM

Tournament

Dine Around

Showcase



Beverage



Breakfast



Contest Hole



Flag

Tee









2025 ChamberLinks Golf Outing Sponsorship Opportunities

Tournament - \$2,000	Two foursomes, premium sign placement, and name on all printed material
Dine Around - \$1,600	One foursome, premium sign placement, and name on all printed material Contribute to the restaurant gift certificates provided to each golfer in lieu of a large meal at the conclusion of the tournament
On Course Business Showcase - \$1,000	While the golfers wait their turn on selected holes, showcase your business with hand-outs, games, and networking. Includes one foursome.
Beverage - \$1,000	One foursome, a professional sign, and name on all printed material
Breakfast - \$1,000	One foursome, a professional sign, and name on all printed material
Contest Hole - \$1,000	One foursome, a professional sign on a contest hole, and name on all printed material Provide a gift from your company for the golfer winning your contest hole
Flag - \$750	One foursome and a flag on a hole with your company name and sponsor year – yours to keep!
Tee - \$250	A professional sign with your company name on the course
Foursome Only - \$500	Individuals Only - \$125

2025 ChamberLinks Golf Outing Registration

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like the following sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_ Tournament (\$2,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Dine Around (\$1,600)

\_\_\_\_\_ Business Showcase (\$1,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Beverage (\$1,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Breakfast (\$1,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Contest Hole (\$1,000)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flag (\$750) \_\_\_\_\_ Tee (\$250) \_\_\_\_\_ Foursome Only (\$500) \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$125)

Names of Foursome: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

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Cardholder Email Address: (For Copy of Receipt) \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, 102 W. Fourth St., Williamsport, PA 17701 Fax: 570-321-1209

PLEASE NOTE: No cancellations will be permitted after Friday, September 12, 2025.

REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHAMBERLINKS GOLF OUTING!