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

I did not expect to get the news that U.S. News and World Report ranked Williamsport as the second-best place to live in Pennsylvania at the end of last month. It was great to receive the recognition by the magazine for the City and all of Lycoming County.

Take the time, if you didn't already, to look at the publication to read about their methodology. You can do an online search or type in your browser, <https://realestate.usnews.com/places/rankings/best-places-to-live-in-pennsylvania>. There were four main factors with subfactors cited under each that they utilized in quantifying their rankings. Those factors are quality of life, local desirability, value, and job market factors.

It was interesting to me to read some of the comments on the social post that we shared this news. I will say that most were positive and acknowledged that this is really a good City with a lot of amenities that you typically don't find in one of its size. Not many have a vibrant performing arts center on the scale of the Journey Bank Community Arts Center or a healthy downtown with many unique shopping and dining opportunities.

The primary, secondary and post-secondary institutions as well play a key factor to the City's ranking. You look at how highly Williamsport Area School District ranks in terms of education and extracurricular activities such as their Best Communities for Music Education for the past 24 consecutive years. It also has a quality liberal arts college with Lycoming College and a top-ranked applied technology college with Penn College which has also received recognition recently by U.S. News and World Report.

Job opportunities are abundant with many family sustaining jobs at area manufacturers and companies including West Pharmaceuticals, Lycoming Engines, Prysmian, Spartronics, PMF Industries and the soon to open HBF Eggs. Talking to the plant managers overseeing these operations, and one of the key factors they cite is the quality workforce they are able to find in the community.

Congratulations to the City residents and elected officials who received this recognition. It's one that you should be taking pride in and continuing to look at ways to utilize it to further more growth and opportunities for the City.

Switching gears, I'm going to end on something that is the new hot button in Lycoming County and really all of the U.S., which is data centers. We recently held an informational session for our members providing them more insight into what they are, the reason for the proliferation of them and what it means for their businesses.

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It apparently created some stir among those who have already taken a position on them. I received a post the evening before it happened to get protestors to show up to express their opposition to them and us for having this informative meeting. So, I'll first clarify that the Chamber has no position on data centers and, at this time, we're working to educate our businesses about them.

We've seen new industries quickly rise and come to the area, with the last one being the natural gas industry almost 20 years ago. A similar approach was taken in educating ourselves to better understand that industry and its potential impact to the community.

There were two things that I took away from the discussion that concerned me, given what has been out there in the media and social outlets. The one involved electric and the amount of it that is required and the costs being driven up because of the increase in data centers. The representative from PPL shared that they are expecting to see an increase of 32 gigawatts of power in the next eight years. For each gigawatt of power they bring on, they expect to see a rate decrease of roughly \$3. That was new to me and in going online I have read since that presentation that there are other states where this is already occurring. It was good to learn that we will be seeing rates go down instead of what is being projected by some that they will only go up.

The other item is the jobs. This has been a key one to me, as they do take a lot of industrial land for their development and the long-term job creation numbers being cited have been low, with most being under 100 permanent and many being remote. Another panelist cited that, at the Amazon development outside of Berwick, Amazon is projecting needing to hire over 600 permanent positions to work at the data centers there. The jobs they project needing to fill are more skilled technical positions, which is well suited for those that Penn College sees in their graduates.

There's still much to learn about these data centers, and I'm looking forward to diving deeper into the subject to better understand them. As they say, knowledge is key, and to me it's best to educate yourself from credible sources than those found online.



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**Thank you to all of our Chamber members
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August 27 through September 30**

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Ribbon Cuttings

First Citizens Community Bank
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
1732 E. 3rd Street, Williamsport
Open House 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Ribbon Cutting at 5:00 PM

PRN Home Health
Monday, November 2, 2026
2134 W. 4th St., Williamsport
Ribbon Cutting at 2:00 PM



Ribbon Cuttings

Historic House Salvage
Thursday, October 8, 2026
613 E. 3rd Street, Williamsport
Open House 4:00 - 7:00 PM
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Covation Center invites people to ‘sit down,’ ‘connect’

By **MATTHEW COURTER**
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On face value, opening a business may seem as easy as simply tapping into a talent or passion, however that is only the beginning, and for anyone feeling like they're struggling with the ins and outs of running a business, Covation Center, 217 W. Fourth St., may just hold the answer.

"We are a nonprofit entrepreneur center, and we operate a co-working space along with educational programs for business owners to help them create something that's profitable," Executive Director Stephanie Desaulniers said.

Desaulniers helped co-found the center in 2017 along with Dr. Stephen Brady, who served as executive director until Desaulniers assumed the role on Aug. 1.

Desaulniers drive to create such a community came from her own experiences in business.

"When I was in New York state, I had problems finding resources, so my big thing here was always trying to take what I learned and pass it on to other people, but also recognizing that there were resources that business owners are just not aware of, and making sure I was educating myself on who those were, so I could share with people," she said.

Since launching their flagship training programs in 2018, Covation Center has had over 400 businesses go through their education programs; a large portion of them, from Lycoming County.

"Oftentimes, we find that people will start a business because they know a skill, a trade or they're very passionate about something and they want more control over their schedule or income, but then they start to realize that they don't actually know the business side, like the numbers that go with it, or how to market it, or how to hire,"



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Participants in an event at Covation Center listen.

Desaulniers said.

That is where Covation Center steps in to fill in the gap and teach them the foundations of running a profitable business.

After going through Covation's 10-week curriculum masterclass, businesses emerge with a living plan that they can use to continue to grow or refine what they're doing, Desaulniers explained.

"For 10 weeks, 15 business owners come to our space once a week to sit down, have a meal together, and go through the curriculum with each other and our experts. They'll sit down with a marketing expert one week, then a financial expert

one week, then an HR manager another week," she said.

Desaulniers said that while their experts provide invaluable guidance, many find the conversations with other business owners to be the biggest value.

"They're in different industries, so they all have a unique perspective, and each one of them is just as smart as the other, and they can all help each other grow. They just need an opportunity to sit down around the table and connect," she said.

"The hardest part about running a business is so many of these people feel like they're doing it alone, even if they have

employees. And being able to give them a chance to step back and connect with other business owners as peers, as people they can bounce ideas off of, is really critical to making sure that small businesses are successful and sustainable in Central Pennsylvania," Desaulniers added.

Desaulniers stressed that Covation Center caters to businesses of all levels and sizes.

"We've worked with HVAC, we've worked with retail, we've worked with creatives and makers, and whatever your business model, whatever type of industry you're in, the business challenges are all the same, so our big thing is stripping away

the facade of whatever industry you're in and helping you find the similarities that you see across the board," she said.

"I'm always a huge fan of leaning into where our strengths are, and it's this group based education and programming that helps you find those," Desaulniers said.

"And if you need something different, we'll direct you to the right person," she added.

Covation Center operates their downtown co-working space from 8 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as a virtual outpost that has attracted businesses throughout the state.

"We welcome anyone who's interested to just stop by. We've got a team here who's willing to answer questions or connect people," Desaulniers said.

Their virtual offering was in beta testing just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, at which point all of their sessions moved online.

The company recently transitioned to a mix of in-person and online sessions.

"We found people were desperate for in-person connection again; that community that came with sitting around the table with people every week," Desaulniers said.

"Half of our sessions are in-person, and half are virtual, so we're meeting businesses where they're at, whether they need the flexibility of online or they're committed to showing up in person for 10 weeks," she added.

Covation Center's model has seen great success with 416 businesses having gone through the masterclass, 82% of them remaining in business today.

With such an overwhelmingly positive response, Desaulniers has been planning for ways to continue working with businesses following comple-

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WeCare at Sycamore can be found at 1445 Sycamore Drive, Loyalsock Township.

WeCare Centers committed to needs of residents

By **MARK MARONEY**
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At WeCare Centers, patient care is a top priority.

Their mission, including those at this region's WeCare at Sycamore, Loyalsock Township, and facilities in Wellsboro, such as The Laurels and WeCare at the Green Home, starts and ends with building a healthcare organization that takes pride in the care it gives, according to the company literature.

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Staff at UPS Williamsport makes deliveries easy

By MARK MARONEY

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UPS Williamsport makes shipping easy because of its multiple shipping locations throughout the metropolitan area.

The UPS Store is at 1784 E. Third St. with UPS access points at 518 W. Southern Ave. inside CVS, and 1915 E. Third St. Staples. The friendly staff and the brown vehicles with the familiar brown uniformed drivers are unmistakable as part of this international business.

According to the company Website, each location helps to make customers' visits simple and convenient for shipping needs. UPS, literally, allows customers to print, ship, pack and send at one convenient location.

Additionally, there are self-service kiosks. Customers can also drop off pre-packaged pre-labeled shipments. Limited packaging supplies are also available to finish preparing a shipment. Customers in a time crunch can also print mobile shipping labels.

UPS access point lockers in Williamsport are also helpful for customers that need flexible weekend and evening hours.

"When you can't take time off work or keep an eye out for a delivery truck throughout the day, (the access point lockers) help to make life easier for customers who can't have their packages left at the door," the business said.

Just ask for assistance and find the service that is right for you.

UPS History

The company started in 1907 with two teenagers, borrowed \$100, and a bicycle.

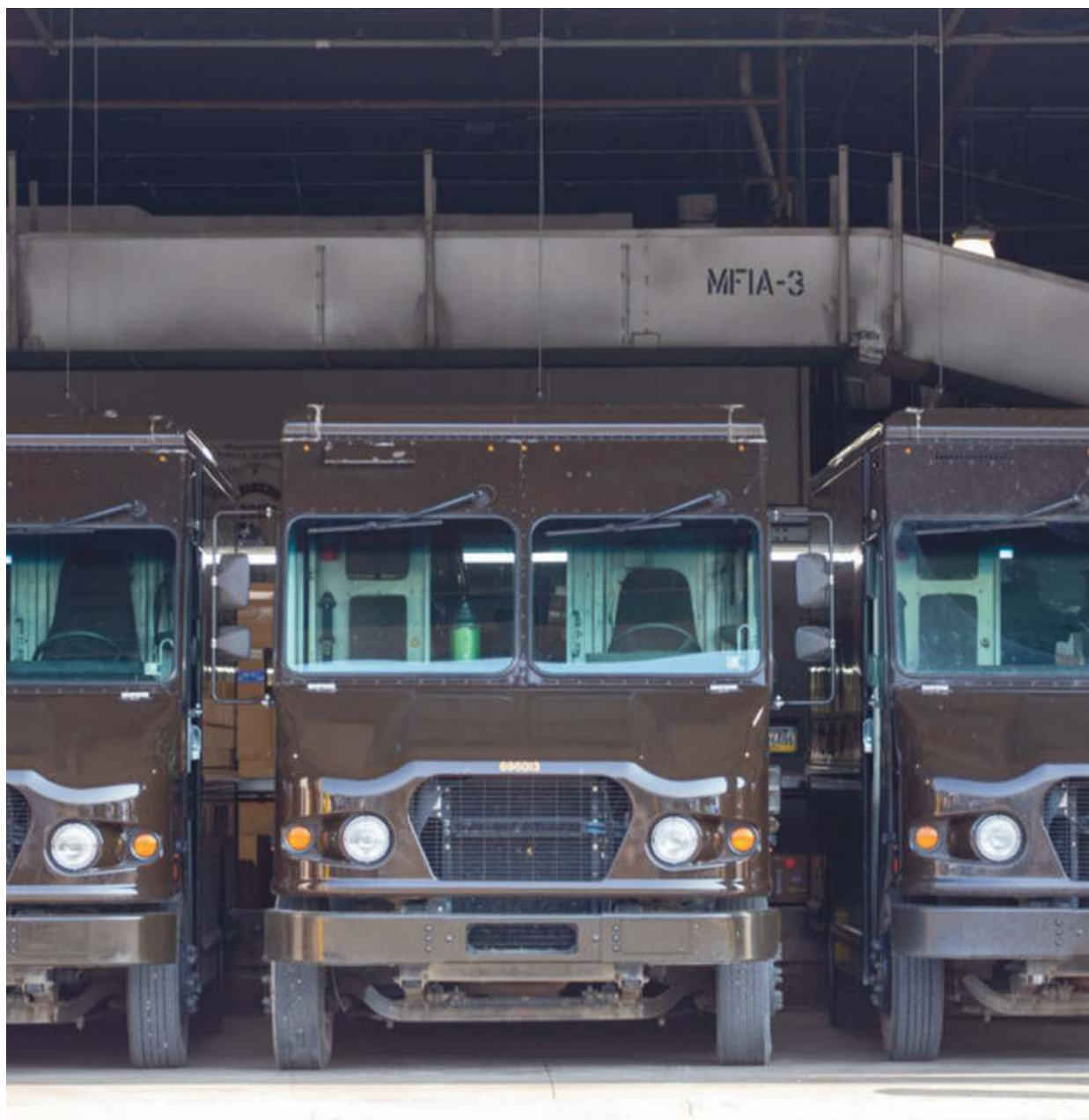
James Casey, 19, and Claude Ryan, 18, opened the American Messenger Co. in a Seattle basement.

They ran errands and carried notes on foot and by bike.

In 1913, they merged with a competitor and became Merchants Parcel Delivery, and six years later expanding to Oakland - took the name United Parcel Service.

That is when trucks went brown, picked because Pullman rail cars were that color, and as one partner put it, "anything lighter would be impossible to clean."

Today, it's the world's largest packaging delivery company by revenue - roughly half a million employees, delivering to more than 200 countries and territories.



UPS trucks sit at the UPS facility on Whahoo Drive in Williamsport.

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Covation Center invites people to 'sit down,' 'connect'

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tion of the masterclass.

"The first big step towards that is our fourth un-conference on Oct. 19, when we're running an all-day group-based program, bringing businesses together in a room to solve each other's problems, support each other and help each other throughout the day," she

said.

Desaulniers said no matter what the need, businesses will find a connection to it through Covation Center.

"If someone's looking to start a business or looking for more support with their business, you've got a team here who's ready to come alongside you and help you figure out what you don't know and get you on the right path to the solution, even if that's not us," she said.

"If you come in our door and we can't help you with your business, we know someone who can, so just come in, ask the questions, and if we can't answer it, we will connect you with the right resource in your area," Desaulniers said.

For more information on Covation Center, visit their website at www.covationcenter.org or reach out by phone at 570-435-1993.

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Upcoming PM Exchanges

Leadership Lycoming at New Trail Brewing Company



October 22, 2026
5-7 PM

240 Arch Street, Bldg 18
Williamsport, PA 17701

Join us for an evening of fun at New Trail Brewing Company in support of Leadership Lycoming's first-ever PM event! Whether you're curious about Leadership Lycoming or already part of our alumni network, this is a great opportunity to connect with the program and the people who make it special. During the evening, we'll share a short video highlighting Leadership Lycoming, what the program is all about, and the experiences it offers. You'll also have the chance to meet current participants and alumni, ask questions, and learn more about the impact of the program. Registration fee will be \$15 for Members and \$30 for Non-Members, with \$5 from every ticket being donated directly to Leadership Lycoming. We'll also be collecting additional donations throughout the evening to help support the program and its future participants!



November 5, 2026
5-7 PM

Williamsport LaunchBox
Carl Building Technologies Center
1031 West 3rd Street, Room 150
Williamsport, PA 17701

Penn College invites you to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Williamsport LaunchBox supported by Ken and Kristie Healy. Explore Williamsport LaunchBox, the campus's hub for entrepreneurship and innovation; as well as tour the Makerspace, a creative area where tools, equipment, and free supplies allow students to pursue their own projects and interests. Penn College is partnering with Penn State Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in hosting this PM Exchange as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW).

PM Exchanges	
October 22	Leadership Lycoming
November 5	Pennsylvania College of Technology
December 3	Miele Group
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Join the Thanksgiving morning tradition and take part in the 10th Annual Pie Day 5k Run/Walk coordinated by the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce. Be You Boldly and race founder Cecilia Fink (now a Pitt grad student), is still involved with the event. A portion of the race proceeds will be donated out by Cecilia to local charities of her selection; K's for Cancer, created in memory of Justin Flannery Hilton providing direct and immediate support to cancer patients and their families here in Lycoming County and RVR YMCA Livestrong Program benefitting their cancer survivors.

Race Details: T-shirt & swag bag guaranteed if registered by November 3. Starts & finishes at the Chamber office located at 102 West Fourth Street in Williamsport. Awards given to overall Male & Female Winner & top 3 Male & Female Runners in each age group. Pies given to 1st place winners in all categories. Free food for all participants & post-race raffle prizes.

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MORNING MEMBER CONNECTION



Join us for a federal legislative update with Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson as we bring together business leaders and local officials, to network and discuss current and upcoming policy issues.

You will hear from Congressman Thompson, chair of the House Agriculture Committee, about federal legislation and policies being advanced in Washington that affect our business community. Hear his take on what is happening in Washington and how it may impact us here in Lycoming County and all of Pennsylvania.

For reservations call 570.326.1971 or go to www.williamsport.org.

Brought to you by the following program sponsors:

Speaker: US Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson

Topic: Federal Legislative Update

When: Thursday, October 29th, 2026 from 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Where: Holiday Inn, 100 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

Program Cost: \$25

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Leadership Lycoming: Retreat Recap

Kicked off our 2027 program year last week with two beautiful days at Grays Run and Camp Susque! The weather was more than perfect, and the class really bonded and left with some great new friendships.

Our class reporters, Alicia Boyer and Heidi Hanes, recapped everything they did!

"We arrived at the Leadership Lycoming opening retreat at Gray's Run Club as 24 strangers, two days later, we left as friends!"

The retreat started with some group activities and hearing from Leadership Lycoming alumni Sam Ecker, Christine Woods, Tye Sheets, Jason Fink, Kathy Sholder, and Karley Welsh. We explored our DiSC styles, played plenty of get-to-know-you games, and held a mock board meeting to practice Robert's Rules of Order. After enjoying a delicious dinner with our sponsors, we ended the day with s'mores around the campfire and beverages donated by New Trail Brewing.

On Friday, we practiced elevator pitches before heading to Camp Susque. Peter Swift gave us a tour and we learned about the history of the camp. After lunch and Camp Susque root beer floats, we took on ropes course team challenges and several classmates even made it to the top of the rock climbing wall!

Between the laughter, the learning, and the moments that pushed us outside our comfort zones, we got to know one another in a way that's hard to do in just a few hours. We can already feel the care and intention that goes into this program, and we're so grateful to be part of the Leadership Lycoming Class of 2027.

Thank you to everyone who led a session during our retreat, and to our annual sponsors, River Valley Health, UPMC, and Hudock Capital Group. A special thank you to Mike and Donna Bastian, Adam and Deanna Dincher, and Karen Retorick for making these two days possible. We're excited for the year ahead!"



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- Logo on all program day materials and social media
- Prominent feature in the graduation program sponsor recognition section
- One program day presentation
- Full-page flyer in the WLCC e-marketplace (month of your choosing)
- Final 3 “table” sponsorship package

TOP-TIER BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE \$600

- Logo on program day agenda and social media
- Recognition in the graduation program
- Opportunity to attend your sponsored day to speak or network over lunch

MID-TIER BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE \$300

- Logo on program day agenda and social media
- Recognition in the graduation program
- Opportunity to join program day lunch

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE \$100

- Logo on program day agenda
- Recognition on social media



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