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

What a great stretch of weather we had to close out October. Such a wonderful time to get outdoors and experience everything that the season has to offer. Been very fortunate with the schedule to get out to hike over at Rider Park and Worlds End the past couple of weekends. This is one of many reasons why I love where we live. I can be in the woods in a short drive or get to more urban dining, shopping and cultural activities in an equal amount of time.

With the evenings getting longer, I would encourage those looking to watch something informative to turn to WVIA for their 10 episode series "Lycoming Careers that Work". It features 10 local companies and workers at each of them highlighting particular careers. Some of the careers include assembly workers, pressmen, content creators, masonry, and skilled craftspeople that work at places including Young Industries, West Pharmaceutical, Brick Mill Furniture, Kellanova and PMF.

The team at WVIA had done a great job capturing what is done at the companies. Having had the opportunity over the years to meet with and tour many of these manufacturers, it gives you a better appreciation of what we make here in Lycoming County. With a son that is graduating from high school next spring, I've made sure that he sees this because of his interest in engineering and machining. This is a must watch for anyone whose kids are considering the skilled trades for their future. It's also a must watch for any adult that is thinking about a career change. It will give you great insight into dynamic jobs here in Lycoming County.

A special thanks to the First Community Foundation Partnership for the impactful funding to support WVIA's work on it. This investment will go far in providing direction to those that are considering a future in the skilled trades.

Manufacturing was central to October with the annual Manufacturing Day being recognized on October 2. We here at the Chamber believe that one day is not long enough to showcase all thatmanufacturing does and means to our community so we expanded it to cover the entire month. You may have caught in the Sun-Gazette and on our social media a partnership that we did with the Innovative Manufacturers' Center (IMC) in touring area manufacturers to further showcase what's made in Lycoming County.

The tours that we did over the month started with PDC Spas and wrapped up with Lycoming Engines. We got a chance to also see Lewis Lumber Products, Chance Aluminum and Ralph S. Alberts. Thinking about what they make, there's really not much similarity in what they produce. However, the breadth and knowledge base required for each is extensive and is to me what make this industry sector so dynamic and exciting to have in our community. The pride that you see when talking to any person there comes through as they detail what they are doing in helping to produce whatever the final product is that's being made.

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Significant to this October was the return of air service back to the Williamsport Regional Airport. While it was only a couple of months since we last had plane service, this one is markedly different as it's the return of jet air service to our community. Those questioning this need only to look into Contour and understand that they have a solid track record in other markets with small regional airports. They have invested heavily in driving customers back to our airport and it is already starting to show solid results. I've had the opportunity to talk with several people that have either used it or attempted to us it but found that the flight they were trying to rebook for Williamsport was already filled. Those that have used it said that it was affordable and easy to use. All have commented how nice it was to not have to drive home from another out of market airport after a day of flying. Let's keep Williamsport first in mind when booking. If the numbers continue to trend this well, there's a strong opportunity for additional flights to be added to other hubs.

Heading into November, you'll be reading this column at the same time you're reading about the election results. Do have to say that I won't miss the run of commercials we've seen this election season. There are a few seats up for the midterms here involving representation at the state and federal level we'll be reading about. Obviously, the big one is for governor. The only thing that I will say about the elections is that if you don't vote, then don't complain about the results. Seeing the historical trends of the percentage of voters for elections, there would be a lot of silent people if this were adhered to.

A couple of other happy things this month involve the start of our ticket sales for the annual Santa Express. That's a great thing because calls about when tickets went on sale started to be fielded back in March. We also have the annual Pie Day 5k on Thanksgiving morning. If you're looking to catch up with people that you haven't seen in a while, plan to make it to this run and walk. Registrations come from all over the country with many here visiting family and friends. While it's not the official holiday season, it sure does feel like it with the ads already beginning. Before I end, I'd be remiss if I didn't say that you should be thanking veterans on November 11 for their time and sacrifice to our country. Enjoy your November and hope to see you around the county.

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Impact Advertising offers one-stop shopping experience

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The staff of Impact Advertising, 4642 Route 220, Linden, pose for a photograph.

Matt Gartner always had a business sense and eye for design, but it wasn't until his senior year of college that he discovered the path that would lead him to found Impact Advertising, 4642 Route 220 South, Linden, 36 years ago.

"I started to notice my senior year that I was often paying more attention to ads than actual programming. When I would watch television or listen to things on the radio, I always found it to be fascinating how companies tried to communicate and get the attention of their customers," said Gartner, who holds business and graphic arts degrees from Lycoming College.

"I thought maybe this is a good industry for me to use my educational background and desire to to continue to experience and work in that field," he said.

Gartner describes Impact Advertising as a "full-service advertising and marketing firm."

The company includes their own in-house photography and videography.

"We are fully immersed in any and all methods and modes of marketing, anything that a client needs to help get their message out," Gartner said.

"We handle everything from manufacturing to retail accounts. We're very heavily involved in multi-location retail, but we also have a real strong niche in the political arena," Gartner said, adding the business has handled nearly 40 political campaigns since its inception.

"If there's been a political campaign of any kind in this town in the last 25 years, we're typically involved in at least one in every electoral season, so we have a lot of experience in that and in educating and informing a target audience, whether that's a voter, potential voter, or a consumer of goods," he added.

Gartner said that Impact is able to provide as much or as little guidance as their clients need.

"Some of these political campaigns have paid campaign managers. In other areas, somebody might come to us and say, "hey, I'm starting a business and I need a whole corporate identity. I need the logo. I need my business cards. I need my website. I need my digital marketing. I might want to look at a billboard or some radio, direct mail,' any of those things," he said.

Gartner said having so many services provided by one company has been one of the biggest pluses for their clients.

"They like the fact that they have one or two points of contact with us, depending on the size of the account, and that they have accountability with a monthly, quarterly or yearly budget that we set up with them," he said.

"We have a fiduciary and an ethical responsibility to our clients to do the right thing because ultimately their success leads to a continued relationship and other accounts as well," Gartner said.

Being in business for almost 40 years, Gartner has seen many advances in the industry.

"When I started the company, the term they used was desktop publishing, and everybody was migrating from a wax machine and Linotronic output stat machines to this electronic publishing, and I was really very strongly advocating to publishers that they accept electronic files from us instead of having to have film and negatives and plates made for publishing," he said, noting that shipping costs to television and radio stations were extraordinary.

"Now we just upload them with a computer, so the integration of electronics and computers into the market was a big deal and it happened right when I started the company," he said.

"I embraced the technology early, and we continue to see it evolve as there's so much to be done with digital marketing, social media platforms, and streaming video," Gartner said.

The evolution of Gartner's business in ways mirrored the technological one.

"When I started the business, my office was so small that if you opened the door, it would bang into my desk. And my first phone system was a hole that I drilled in the wall, and my secretary or I would unplug the phone and feed the wire through the wall. I would plug it into my phone to be able to take a phone call," he said with a laugh.

Gartner said the key to Impact Advertising's success is the great care they take to deliver exactly what their clients are looking for.

"The process of starting with somebody is a discovery process of learning what their needs are, how they go about their business, and then trying to address those needs in a way that is financially responsible and creative, unique and ultimately successful for them," he said.

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Families United Network dedicated to strengthening families

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Hundreds of children in Lycoming County without families have found forever homes over the past three decades because of the caring professionals at Families United Network near Muncy.

Families United Network is a Pennsylvania nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families by providing children and youth with a safe, nurturing, community environment through a continuum of services focused on reunification or permanency.

Today, Families United Network supports more than 500 children statewide through programs designed to create stronger families and brighter futures.

As Families United Network celebrates 30 years of service, the need for safe, stable, and supportive homes for children remains significant, said Ana Gonzalez-White, recently appointed Director of Development at Families United Network.



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Ana Gonzalez-White, executive director of the Families United Network.

She noted how about 12,000 children are in out-of-home care in Pennsylvania each year, including 105 children in Lycoming County, according to available county data.

Families United Network has supported around 130 children in Lycoming County over the past five years and has approved 95 foster homes (since 2011), with about 10 still active today.

Across Pennsylvania, Families United Network maintains 380 licensed foster homes and serves an average of 500 foster children annually.

When asked, White acknowledged that more families are needed, particularly for sibling groups and children with specialized needs, to help children maintain important family, school, and community connections.

Through foster care, kinship care and adoption services, Families United Network works to provide children with safety, stability, and lasting connections.

With 105 employees (four of them part-time), Families United Network remains committed to its mission of: providing - A Better Tomorrow for Children and Families.

Families United Network, which is a premier regional provider of foster care, adoption, and peer support services, recently had a formal launch of its new Development Department.

This strategic initiative is designed to meet the increased demand for child welfare services by building sustainable public-private funding partnerships.

To lead this critical new initiative, White steps into the important role but not without experience as she arrived with more than 25 years of relationship management experience and seven years of proven non-profit growth experience, notably serving as Director of Development and Community Relations for the Journey Bank Community Arts Center in downtown Williamsport.

The need remains great

"Every child deserves a safe, permanent, and nurturing foundation," said Ron Simon, CEO of FUN.

"By establishing a dedicated development program under Ana's leadership, we are giving our community a direct, transparent way to invest in the lives of vulnerable youth. This department will bridge the gap between community generosity and the critical resources our foster and adoptive families need."

In her new role, White will oversee the implementation of the organization's comprehensive fund development infrastructure, focusing on individual relationships, community engagement, and corporate partnerships.

"I am incredibly honored to join Families United Network and help launch the development program in support of the organization's strategic plan and long-term sustainability goals," White said.

"Families United Network has a 30-year stellar legacy of service. I look forward to partnering with community members, local businesses, and foundations who share a passion for child welfare and family advocacy. Together, we can create lasting opportunities and transformational support for the children and families we serve," she said.

Local businesses and community members looking to learn more about giving opportunities and philanthropic partnerships, can contact White at 570-546-6777 x106 or via email at awhite@families4kids.org. Additionally, to learn more, visit families4kids.org, email info@families4kids.org or call 570-546-6777.

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"That discovery period sometimes involves multiple interviews, sometimes it involves a plant tour, to get down into the nuts and bolts of their business, so that we can offer the best services possible in an informed way," Gartner said.

"There's a lot of different factors: geographic, psychographic, demographic, financial and the budgeting aspects of it," he said.

Gartner also stressed that his team is essential to Impact's continued success.

"No business is successful with just one person. We've got a great team and I've got some really good partners at the agency, a lot of hardworking people, dedicated people," he said.

"They all have their unique strengths and qualities, and it's served us well over the years," Gartner said.

"When you're in business as long as I've been, you see and meet a lot of people, and I include them as part of our success," he said, adding that includes their clients.

"They're the most important aspect and are critical to us, so I really appreciate the folks that have put their trust, their advertising, their business in our hands over the years," Gartner said.

"It's been a pretty amazing journey," he said.

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Long Beans Coffee Co. offers variety of pick-me-ups

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The Long Beans Coffee Co. trailer, seen in a photograph the business shared on social media.

Everyone needs a good pick me up sometimes, and for many, that perfect cup of coffee is just the thing to do the trick, and for those reaching for a cup of joe to get their morning started, Long Beans Coffee Co. might be right up their alley.

'I've always just loved coffee," said owner and operator Riley Fischer.

That love would only intensify when her husband, Zander, was stationed in Spokane, Wash. for three years.

"They have so many little coffee shops everywhere, and I just fell in love with coffee even more," she said.

Upon returning to Pennsylvania, Fischer's aunt and uncle, Chris and Jen Gramlich, owners of a local HVAC company, provided financial backing, and Long Beans Coffee was launched on June 7, 2025.

Much of the inspiration around Long Beans comes from Fischer's two dachshunds, Milo and Maeve.

"One of my slogans is 'coffee and dachshunds' because the entire company is based on my two dachshunds, and who doesn't love coffee, energy drinks and dogs," she said.

Two of Fischer's signature drinks are even named after her fur babies.

"I have the Milo and the Maeve, and those ones are just 100% their personality in a drink," she said.

"The Milo is coconut and almond, and it's sort of like an almond joy, and that's just his personality to a T. And the Maeve is vanilla, white chocolate and strawberry. It's just very sweet, and that's exactly how she is," Fischer said.

Another signature drink is the Long Bean.

"It's espresso, chocolate milk, caramel and toasted marshmallow," Fischer said, adding her use of chocolate milk in place of regular whole milk is what keeps customers coming back for what has become the most popular signature drink since opening day.

But Fischer doesn't just stop at coffee offerings.

"There's so many people who don't like coffee or they aren't an iced latte person," she said.

"Our signature energy drinks are called Zoomies, and those are Red Bull based," Fischer said.

"We also just started doing what we call a clean bean. It's made with Lotus, which is a clean energy concentrate, basically, that you can mix with lemonade or club soda, so it's like a cleaner version of our zoomies," she explained.

Long Beans also offers hot, iced and chai teas, lemonade and more.

With fall in full swing, Long Beans' seasonal drinks have been strong sellers.

"Everybody loves their pumpkin drinks, so we have a lot of pumpkin spice, but we try to change up the flavor so it's not just pumpkin," Fischer said.

"We have a pumpkin cheesecake latte and pumpkin marshmallow," she said.

Fischer has also revived a fan favorite from last year, called the Apple Bark Crisp, an apple and cinnamon latte.

"That one has been super popular and I always like to have different options because even like myself, you get tired of pumpkin real quick," she said.

In fact, Fischer said Long Beans typically has new drink specials each month.

Everything they serve comes from Fischer's own recipes, which she developed at the coffee bar in her home.

In August, Long Beans Coffee Co. made its first evolution with a drive-thru located off of the Gamble Farm Inn, located at 311 N. Main St., Jersey Shore.

"It kind of just fell into our lap. There was another coffee shop in there that moved to a different location, and then they reached out to us and asked if this is something we would be willing to see how it works, and it's been going really well for us so far," Fischer said, adding that both humans and canines are welcome.

"Whenever people bring their dogs through the drive-thru or the trailer, we love giving out pup cups. It definitely makes our day," she said.

Fischer said that a physical location was always in the cards.

"The truck kind of got us going and gives us that option to move around and go to different events and places, and moving the trailer around to all these different places definitely gives more exposure, but a physical location where somebody can come in, sit down and drink their coffee is the main goal," she said.

"We are in the works of opening a building in Mill Hall that's going to be an actual storefront where we have seating inside and a drive-through," Fischer revealed.

For the time being, the truck side of their business will have a home at the Millbrook Plaza in Mill Hall.

"Since we started, we were going there on the weekends, and the first Sunday of every month, there's a car show in the same parking lot, and I reached out to them when it started getting colder last year, and asked if maybe they would be open to us being set up there all the time, because whenever you have all that equipment and everything, it gets pretty dangerous trying to drive with on icy or snowy roads, and I just ended up staying there, even when it started to get warmer out, because we had so many regulars coming to the trailer every day," Fischer said.

"We're stationary there for now, but the plan is whenever we do get our brick and mortar, the trailer will start going to different locations like the hospital in Williamsport, and different events," she said.

Fischer said much of her success lies in the fact that Long Beans has such a wide variety of offerings.

"We have a lot of people who are maybe just passing through the area for the first time, and they don't really know our special drinks, but we always have a rotating selection of drinks. We always have so many different flavors and sweetness profiles, I feel like there's something for everybody here," Fischer said.

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Salvation Army offers community support for all ages

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A Salvation Army bellringer collects donations in December of 2019.

The Salvation Army, founded in 1865 in London by William Booth, under the name "The Christian Mission," has been serving the Williamsport area since 1885, when three Salvationists from Elmira, N.Y. set up shop, with an aim towards helping those in need.

Today, the organization boasts an expansive set of programs for residents of all ages, including children and youth, music and character building offerings, including the Brownies and Cub Scouts adjacents, Sunbeams, Girl Guards and Adventure Corps., under the leadership of Corps Officer/ Pastor Major Sheryl Hershey.

Hershey has been involved with the Salvation Army from an early age when her babysitter took her to some of the youth and the music programs offered by the organization.

"I grew up through the Salvation Army and their programs, and then felt the calling to be an officer," she said.

Hershey would be transferred to Williamsport in 2021, after serving at the Berwick Salvation Army for five years.

"We have a weekly Sunday school that we call Kids Club, a Bible study, as a women's group that happens on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. that any woman from the community is welcome to come to," Hershey said.

Another program, entitled Golden Agers meets twice a week, where seniors and their caregivers meet for two hours over lunch time.

"It's called Golden Agers because it started out specifically for seniors in our community, but we've recognized a need and expanded the program to add adults with disabilities," Laura Templeton, community relations & resource development director said.

"It's a really good opportunity for folks to get together, socialize and have fun," she said.

During the growing season, the Salvation Army operates a community garden and urban farm that provides around 12,000 pounds of fresh produce to the community at no cost.

The farm, located along Park Avenue next to the Y, is managed by advisory board member Sid Furst, along with volunteers from the community.

"We also have some raised beds and areas of the garden where families, businesses or individuals can have a plot to grow their own things," Templeton said adding that there is an application process due to having limited space.

By far, the most utilized community offering is the Salvation Army's food pantry.

"Clients can come in every 30 days to receive a box of food, walk through with a volunteer and choose the items they want," Hershey said.

"We try to simulate actual shopping as much as we can. It's more empowering for them to be able to shop for their own food for themselves and their family," she said.

Allowing clients to choose their own items has led to far fewer returns, Hersey said.

"When I first arrived here, we were handing out packed boxes, and a lot of them were coming back with food in them because there are certain things they can't eat because of medical conditions or religious practices, or maybe there's just certain things they like," she explained.

"We partner with the Central PA Food Bank. We are able to order food from there, and every year we get a grant to use to order that food," Templeton said.

"For Christmas we do a food box with a turkey, and we also do toys if they have children under the age of 12," Hershey said.

Toys for the program are provided by Toys for Tots as well as donations from the organization's Angel Trees, which are set up around various businesses and churches.

To participate in the Christmas program, clients must fill out a form and provide identification for their children, such as a birth certificate or social security card, as well as income and expense information.

"It's a very simple process. They fill out one form, they sign the second form, and they're done," Hersey said, adding that throughout the Christmas season, the organization services between 500 and 600 families.

Signups for the Christmas program are open from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2:30 p.m., with a lunch break in between, Tuesdays and Thursdays in November.

With winter weather at the doorstep of the area, Templeton also noted that, dependent on funding and grants received by the organization, they also offer rent or utility assistance for those experiencing temporary hardships.

The Salvation Army also operates a hygeine closet, which similar to the food pantry, provides those in need with a number of personal care items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toilet paper and sometimes laundry detergent sometimes tissues and diapers, all made available through donations.

"We ask clients to try to make one request every 30 days, but we know that with children with diapers, sometimes that's not possible if they fall on hard times," Templeton said.

Help for victims of fires, flooding and other natural disasters, as well as support for local first responders on the front lines during a disaster response is offered through their Emergency Disaster Services (EDS).

The Salvation Army also operates a thrift store, located at 530 Lycoming Mall Drive, Muncy, providing the community with access to inexpensive, gently used clothing and housewares, with all proceeds going to support the organization's local programs and services.

Vouchers are also provided to those facing emergency situations, including those fleeing domestic violence, that can be redeemed at the store.

With the organization offering so much to the community, new volunteers are always welcome.

"They would just have to come in and see us, and we would talk to them. There is a program on the computer where they would sit down and fill out the areas that they're interested in helping us with, and then they would give us some days that they're interested in volunteering, and we would just put them to work," Templeton said.

"Our philosophy at the Salvation Army is that when people fall on hard times or have difficulties, we want to give them a hand up, not a handout," Hershey said.

"We're trying to help people until they can adjust their budgets or maybe get another job if they've lost their job or if they're having a medical issue and they're on leave and have lost some of their income due to that, all kinds of scenarios. We're just trying to help people fill a gap if they've fallen on some hard times," Templeton added, which Hershey stressed is at the heart of what they do.

"For me, it's about being available to help people who are in need, people who sometimes come in embarrassed because they need help, but don't know where to go," she said.

"It's about being able to help somebody step up and take them from one level to another," Hershey said.

Anyone interested in volunteering, donating to, or participating in any of the Salvation Army's many offerings are encouraged to reach out to the organization through their website, www.pa.salvationarmy.org/williamsport-pa, by phone at 570-326-9187, via their Facebook page or by stopping in to their office.

Welcome New Chamber Members!

New Members October 1 through October 29

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Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce

Morning Member Connection

Thursday November 12, 2026—8:00AM - 9:15AM

Featured Speakers: State Representatives Joe Hamm and Jamie Flick

Topic: Legislative Briefing with State Representatives on Current Affairs

Holiday Inn—100 Pine Street, Williamsport

Program Cost: $25

The annual legislative breakfast brings together our State Representatives, local officials, and business leaders to network and discuss current and upcoming policy issues.

Join us to hear from Representatives Hamm and Flick about what is taking place in Harrisburg. Learn about legislative initiatives being advanced and considered that may impact your business and our communities in Lycoming County.

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Are you interested in joining the Chamber?

Call the Chamber's Membership Director, Taryn Hartle, at 570-320-4209.
Apply online at www.williamsport.org.

Connect with us on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn! Interested in being featured in the Chamber Connection? Contact Jarett Dorman for more information.

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Upcoming PM Exchanges

Pennsylvania College of Technology LaunchBox

November 5, 2026
5-7 PM
Williamsport LaunchBox
Carl Building Technologies Center
1031 West 3rd Street, Room 150
Williamsport, PA 17701

Pennsylvania College of Technology
A Penn State Affiliate

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).

Miele Group

December 3, 2026
5-7 PM
66 Mall Parkway
Muncy, PA 17756

MIELE MANUFACTURING

Join The Miele Group for our Holiday PM Exchange on Thursday, December 3rd, from 5–7 p.m. at 66 Mall Parkway, Muncy, PA. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, tours, and giveaways while learning about all our companies—Angelina's Song, FASTSIGNS, Miele Amusements, Miele Development, and Miele Manufacturing.

The Miele Group is proud to be a fourth-generation, family-owned business in Muncy, PA.

East Lycoming School District

December 17, 2026
5-7 PM
349 Cemetery Street
Hughesville, PA 17737

EAST LYCOMING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Join us for a PM Exchange at East Lycoming School District!
The East Lycoming School District is excited to showcase its newly renovated high school and cafeteria. The students cafe Spartan Sips, managed and operated by HHS students with special needs, will be open for this event.

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Register online at williamsport.org. For questions, please call 570-326-1971

PIE DAY 5K RUN/WALK

Presented By: Geisinger

DAVID TANNEY CFP® | AAMS™
Edward Jones

ENTRY FEE BY 11/3: $20
AFTER 11/3: $25
REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM
NOVEMBER 26TH 2026
THANKSGIVING MORNING 9:00 AM

REGISTER HERE

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, RVR YMCA Livestrong Program benefitting their cancer survivors, and Together in TEAL – Fighting Ovarian Cancer – in Memory of Emma Rubin.

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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Congratulations to October's Ribbon Cuttings

Ribbon Cuttings

Tropical Smoothie Cafe
Saturday, November 7, 2026
1927 E. 3rd St., Williamsport
Ribbon Cutting at 8:00 AM

Moose Too
Friday, November 13, 2026
343 Pine St., Williamsport
Ribbon Cutting at 5:00 PM
Open House 5:00 - 9:00 PM



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Chick-fil-A Lycoming Crossing



Leadership Lycoming has kicked off their 2026 Alumni Campaign! Any donation helps! Donate online, or mail your donation to 102 W Fourth Street Williamsport, PA 17701

Leadership Lycoming: Retreat Recap

Leadership Lycoming's Class of 2027 spent Thursday, October 8, exploring the people, places and stories that shaped Lycoming County during its History Day program. The day featured historic tours, presentations, a museum scavenger hunt and a panel of local historians.

The day began with a self-guided walking tour of downtown Williamsport before the class visited the James V. Brown Library. CEO and Director Amy Resh and Assistant Director Andrew Henley highlighted the library's many community resources and encouraged participants to obtain library cards to demonstrate support for its services and continued funding. Next, Ellie Hubbard and Brian McClure welcomed the class to the Williamsport Scottish Rite for a tour of the historic cathedral.

At the Thomas T. Taber Museum, Executive Director Gary Parks led a scavenger hunt through exhibits highlighting everything from the lumber industry and railroad development to Native American history and local manufacturing. The class then enjoyed lunch catered by Kitchen Repose, followed by elevator speeches featuring members' professional backgrounds, volunteer work and community passions. Topics included Dwell Orphan Care, Little League, the Repaz Band and more.

The afternoon continued at Wildwood Cemetery, where General Manager Caleb Hipple shared the cemetery's history and the ongoing work of preserving its more than 54,000 burial sites. Participants learned about monument care, cemetery records and the challenges of maintaining historic headstones. Hipple also showcased a new cemetery-records search tool in development, designed to help visitors locate loved ones and explore the cemetery's history.

The day concluded with a Lycoming County History Panel at Rosko's Brew House, moderated by Chris Pearl, associate professor of history at Lycoming College. Panelists Bill Poulton of the Muncy Historical Society, Tom "Tank" Baird of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, and local historian and author Elaine Decker shared their expertise on the region's past. The panelists emphasized the profound impact of the lumber era on the county's development and encouraged participants to become more involved in preserving and sharing local history.

Adam Roskowski closed out the day by sharing the history of their brew house and its connection to the area's past.

Thank you to our annual sponsors River Valley Health, UPMC, and Hudock Capital Group. As well as those who hosted us throughout the day!









LEADERSHIP LYCOMING

Class of 2027 Sponsorships Available

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Supporting Leadership Lycoming means investing in the future of Lycoming County and the strength of our entire community. As a sponsor, you play a vital role in shaping and developing emerging leaders who are passionate about making a lasting impact where we live and work. Your support not only helps cultivate leadership skills and civic engagement, but also positions your business or organization as a committed community partner.

ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE $2,000

- 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

For sponsorship questions, contact Sydney Sellers at (570) 320-4216 or ssellers@williamsport.org