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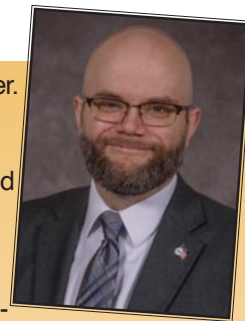
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The Inside Scoop



It doesn't get old, and it just seems to get better. That would be one way to describe our annual B&E Golf Tournament, the top fundraiser for our Central PA Business & Education, which was held June 24 at Bucknell Golf Club.

After 21 years, we have this event down pretty well, and we have to assume it continues to be a hit with the amount of support received from Central PA Chamber members. It's a great day away from the workplace, and even better when the sun is shining like it mostly was. Get the full recap from the tournament starting on the next page. Want to see even more photos? Head to our Facebook page. Many thanks to Amber Gardner of Amber G Co. Photography for capturing it so well!

Over the last couple of months, you may have noticed an extra person around the office and at events. That was our intern, Antonio Pearson, who recently wrapped up his internship with us, via the YES to the Future program. It was great to have him around to assist with various tasks, and even more rewarding to think we showed him a few things that will aid him in his future endeavors. Learn about his thoughts on working with us on page 15.

You know, perhaps teaming up with the YES to the Future program will help your business/organization with your employment shortfalls. Our President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey makes a case for it in her monthly column on page 10.

And, we recently earned another award - but what for? Turn to page 11 to see why we sent staff to southern PA for some more "hardware".

As always, check out the upcoming events, member spotlights, news and so much more!

Enjoy the issue!

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*The Central PA Chamber also publishes *IYB Quarterly* for each of the four seasons. Copies are available at public member locations across the region.

If interested in being a drop-off location, e-mail jshaffer@centralpachamber.com.



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All 'fore' B&E

LEWISBURG - It was a near picturesque day for the 21st Annual B&E Golf Tournament, held Friday, June 24 at Bucknell Golf Club, Lewisburg.

Nearly 100 golfers and dozens of volunteers filled the course in support of the Central PA Chamber's 501(c)(3) organization, the Central PA Business & Education Association, which provides career exploration, leadership training and more for area students.

By the time all numbers are totaled, B&E will have raised approximately \$15,000 in support of its programs.

Many Central PA Chamber members support this tournament in various ways, from sponsorships and donations, to playing in the tournament and volunteering.

This year's Master Sponsor was ClearView Asset Protection, which fielded two golf teams, one even including former Pittsburgh Steelers Wide Receiver Yancey Thigpen.

However, this football star turned golfer and all of the other teams were bested by the foursome of Mike McNier, Jim McNier, Ron McNier and Micah Koch, with a score of 53.

At this four-person scramble tournament, players can strategically

use mulligans and a "gimmie" to improve their team's score.

Right before the 1 p.m. shotgun start was the 7th Annual Golf Ball Drop!, sponsored by Service 1st Federal Credit Union. Always a spectacle, hundreds of individually numbered golf balls are dumped from around 30 feet up, over a practice green at BGC. The three golf balls that fall into - or closest to - the designated hole win a portion of the cash collected for the contest. The winners have been determined and will be presented with their prizes in a fashion similar to Publishers Clearing House. Names and pictures will appear on the Central PA Chamber's Facebook and Instagram pages and in the August issue of IYB, available on the Chamber's website at www.centralpachamber.com.

"It was another outstanding event," said Chamber President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey. "This was the first time in my 11 years with the Chamber that there was not a sole person in charge of the entire event. This year it was a 'divide and conquer' effort by the internal team, and it went incredibly well."

See "GOLF" (on page 17)



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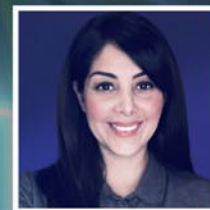
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For the safety of participants, masking is required while in Hospital facilities and during all in-person screenings. Physical distancing and frequent hand-washing/use of hand sanitizer is encouraged as participants move through the screening process.

Hearing Screening: 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, July 18, at Surgical Specialists of Evangelical, 25 Lystra Rogers Drive, Lewisburg. This free screening is for anyone who has noticed a change in their hearing or have others tell them that they are not hearing as well as they used to. Krystal G. Decker, AuD, Audiologist, is administering the hearing screens, and during the screen will talk about the changes you may be noticing, offer education on caring for your ears, and explore options for assistive devices if needed. Appointments required.

Comprehensive Blood Screen: 6:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Family Medicine of Evangelical, 412 W. Market St., Middleburg. A low-cost comprehensive blood screening can provide important details about your health, sometimes before

symptoms of a condition surface, giving you and your physicians the power to plan ahead. A \$50 fee includes lipid panel (HDL, LDL, total cholesterol, and triglycerides), complete blood count, and CMP (blood sugar, electrolytes, calcium, protein, liver enzymes etc.). Appointments required.

Blood Pressure Screenings: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, at the Sunbury YMCA; 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, at The Miller Center, Lewisburg; 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 26 at the Milton YMCA; Tuesday, July 26, 10-11:30 am, Milton YMCA; 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, at the Mifflinburg YMCA.; and by appointment at Community Health and Wellness.

Blood Sugar Screenings: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, at the Sunbury YMCA; 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, at the Miller Center, Lewisburg; 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 26; at the Milton YMCA; and by appointment at Community Health and Wellness.

Evangelical Community Health and Wellness is now located at The Miller Center, 120 Hardwood Drive, Lewisburg. Call 570-768-3200 to make an appointment or visit www.evan-hospital.com.

Chamber Blood Drive



Thank you to Central PA Chamber Board Director Alison Hall of The UPS Store, Lewisburg, and the other 20 donors that came out to our American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 29! Together, we'll be able to save as many as 63 lives! We appreciate all of you for giving the gift of life. We have blood drives throughout the year, and you are welcome to join us! Visit: www.redcrossblood.org, and use code "PAchamber".

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staffing issues..."

These are signs we all see everywhere on a regular basis. It is both frustrating and baffling considering the number of open employment positions in every sector and trade.

Businesses that suffered through and survived the pandemic are now closing their doors because they cannot keep steady workers to produce their products or provide their kind of customer service. This pains me.

I try to be the eternal optimist, and yet, now I find myself getting in the discouraged and stressed mode, too.

However, there are alternative choices to filling open positions within your business or organization. By now, we've probably become aware of me touting the many benefits to hiring "second-chance" applicants. If you need this information, please, contact me directly.

There is a program the Central PA Chamber of Commerce recently participated in, and it just may be the gateway to you finding your next new hire.

YES to the Future is an internship program, offering a real work experience to young adults that allows them to explore career areas they want to follow to become productive members in our communities.

The program objective is to provide the eligible participants with meaningful work experience and basic work skills to help them develop their occupational potential.

By way of the paid internship, the participants will acquire marketable skills, decent work habits and attitudes as well as a sense of job responsibility.

As a work site participant, your role as the employer is summarized as follows: Conducting orientation and safety training; outline duties; instruct and supervise; model good work habits; and, provide a supportive work environment and safety equipment, if required.

Did I mention you do not pay the intern? By way of the YES to the Future program, the participants are temporary employees of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) and therefore are paid by the CSIU for up to 30 hours per week for a maximum of 240 hours.

All applicable withholdings and insurances, including worker's compensation are in place through the CSIU.

This program is available for Lycoming, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, Mifflin, Clinton, Columbia, Montour, and Centre counties.

Should your paid intern become a good fit, there is a next step after the completed initial time.

You can become their OJT (On-the-Job Training) employer. This allows you assistance with covering the costs associated with training for the specialized skills needed for the position at your company.

If this program sounds like something you want to put to work for your company, don't hesitate to reach out as we've just participated in the program and would be happy to share our experience.



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Breakfast Briefing



Many thanks to Seven Mountains Media for sponsoring our June Breakfast Briefing. Above, Sean O'Mealy, market manager, walked everyone through their Consumer Journey, including the steps of Awareness, Interest, Decision and Action. You can learn about their wide variety of marketing services at www.7mountainscreative.com. Breakfast Briefings are a great way for business and organizations to network and take place monthly at the Chamber's location at 30 Lawton Lane, Milton. Register at www.centralpachamber.com/events.

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Central PA Chamber earns award

YORK, PA – The Central PA Chamber of Commerce was honored with the 2022 Community Investor Award by the Manufacturers' Association (MA) Tuesday evening, June 14, in York.

Chamber President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey accepted the award at MA's Annual Event, held at the PeoplesBank Park minor league baseball stadium.

"I was astonished that the Central PA Chamber of Commerce was being recognized as the 2022 Community Investor by such an outstanding organization," Aikey said. "It was a whirlwind experience attending their event, and I look forward to continuing to do work worth of such recognition."

MA cited the Central PA Chamber's growth of 85 percent over the last decade – despite the worldwide pandemic – as one of the reasons it was selected. Furthermore, the Chamber has become known as an active member in many area communities, making a positive difference and involving others to take part.

The Chamber also notably helped secure tax-free status for nearly 200 acres of land in Northumberland County to bolster economic growth. It has already lead to development in the last few years.

"Manufacturing is a big part of our history, and we continue to remember and support those efforts," Aikey said.

The evening's event was headlined by keynote speaker Richard Phillips, who was captain of the Maersk Alabama cargo ship, when it was hijacked by Somali pirates in 2009. He bravely put himself in harm's way and offered himself as a hostage. The siege ended after a rescue



In the center is Tea Jay Aikey, President & CEO of the Central PA Chamber, accepting the 2022 Community Investor Award on the organization's behalf by the Manufacturers' Association at its Annual Event on June 14. From left, are: Tom Palisin, Executive Director of MA; Mike Granby, MA Board President; Aikey; Jessica Williams, the Chamber's Finance & Membership Director; and Captain Richard Phillips, event keynote speaker.

by the U.S. Navy. Aikey and Finance & Membership Director Jessica Williams took the opportunity to meet Phillips and have a picture taken with him, along with the award presenters, at a pre-event reception. Headquartered in York, the Manufacturers' Association is a regional trade organization, serving several hundred member companies located within Southcentral Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland. They are members of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce.

The Central PA Chamber will also be receiving a certificate from President Commissioner Julie Wheeler, on behalf of the York County Board of Commissioners.

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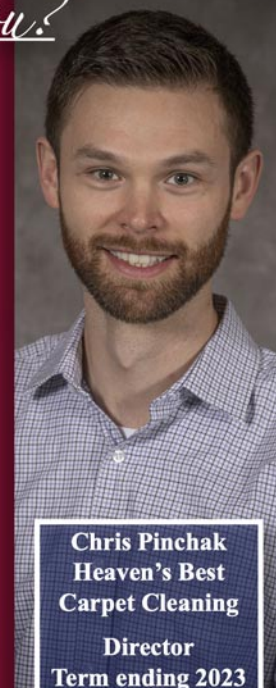
Favorite vacation spot?
Orlando, Fla.

Have any hobbies?
My dream is to get a dirt bike, again, but for now spending time outdoors with family and friends.

A fun fact about yourself?
I used to do extreme mountain biking and snowboarding, growing up in western Canada.

What is your favorite Chamber memory?
The first time I walked in the door and met the crew.

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Members Recognized

Community Giving Foundation

BERWICK – The Community Giving Foundation is pleased to announce that Eric Pangelinan will serve as program officer, effective July 1.

Pangelinan most recently served as the Foundation's operations assistant, where he provided support for the development and finance departments by processing incoming donations, offering technical support to donors and fundholders, and utilizing the Foundation's database software to its fullest capabilities. Prior to joining the Foundation team last year, Pangelinan served as a conference officer for the Columbia-Montour Domestic Relations Office. He is a native of the Berwick/Nescopeck area and is dedicated to building relationships with area organizations and stakeholders to promote growth in the community he calls home.

As program officer, Pangelinan will manage all aspects of the Foundation's grantmaking and scholarship processes, including: program research, grantee proposal evaluation, grant activity tracking, and post-grant evaluations. He will also coordinate the Youth in Philanthropy program and represent the Foundation through community leadership opportunities.

"Through my time with the Foundation, I have gotten to see the benefit of partnering with the non-profits in our area," he said. "I am excited to work with them in my new capacity to help better our community."

Over the next several months, Pangelinan will work closely with the current senior program officer and Foundation leadership to ensure a smooth transition for staff and stakeholders. The Foundation will conduct an external search to fill the operations assistant vacancy in the coming weeks. More information will be available at www.csgiving.org.



Eric Pangelinan

Evangelical Community Hospital

LEWISBURG - Marcia Cooney, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, has been named Director of Human Resources (HR) Operations at Evangelical Community Hospital.

In this role, Cooney is primarily responsible for the overall day-to-day administration of human resources operations specific to recruitment, employee relations, compensation, compliance, policy management, and general HR inquiries from candidates, managers, and employees.

Cooney is returning to Evangelical after working nine years at Bucknell University, first as a Director of Recruitment and Compensation, then as Director of HR Services, and finally in her most recent role as Executive Director of HR Services. Prior to that, Cooney provided 23 years of expertise to Evangelical and its employees beginning in 1990 in a variety of roles, including: a Training and Development Coordinator, Continuous Quality Improvement Coordinator, Director of Managed Care, and finally as the Director of Human Resources, a role she held for 11 years.

In other news, Jessica Jordan, RN, has been named Director of Acute Rehabilitation and Orthopaedic Units at Evangelical.

In this role, Jordan is primarily responsible for the overall day-to-day administration of the inpatient



Marcia Cooney



Jessica Jordan

Acute Rehab and Orthopaedic Units, specific to financial resources, human resources, materials/supplies, policy management, and patient care activities on a 24-hour basis.

Jordan has been a member of the Evangelical family of employees since 2020 when she began serving in a nursing role on the inpatient Acute Rehabilitation Unit. Her work assisting patients with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and those who recently underwent surgery to attain and maintain maximum functioning, has brought her to this leadership role in the organization.

Prior to Evangelical, Jordan served as a director of nursing at White Deer Run in Allenwood for 11 years. In addition, she has held various nursing roles at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, Inpatient Behavioral Health Sunbury Community Hospital, and the State Correctional Institution (SCI) Muncy.

In addition, the Certification Board for Professionals in Patient Safety (CBPPS) recently recognized Daphyne Ressler, RN, BSN, MSN, as a Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS). Ressler is the Director of Medical Ambulatory Surgery and Endoscopy at Evangelical Community Hospital.

"Earning this credential attests to Daphyne's professional competency in patient safety science and application," said Patricia McGaffigan, RN, MS, CPPS, President, CBPPS. "This achievement demonstrates her expertise in this critical discipline and positions her among those committed to and leading patient safety work."

Ressler earned this credential in part by passing a rigorous, evidence-based examination that tests candidates on their competency in patient safety science and application.

Ressler has served most of her nursing career at Evangelical, where she was hired as an RN in 1997. She's worked on the Medical Unit, One Day Surgery, Home Health Services, Inpatient Rehabilitation, and the Nursing Resource Pool. In 2017, Ressler was promoted to Nursing Surgical Services Manager at the Evangelical Ambulatory Surgical Center (EASC) and was named Director of the EASC and the Evangelical Community Hospital Endoscopy Center in 2019.

Ressler received her diploma in nursing from Geisinger School of Nursing in conjunction with Penn State University and went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Chamberlain University in conjunction with DeVry University. She received her Master of Science Nursing Degree, Nurse Executive Leadership track, from Chamberlain University.

With the conferring of certification from The Certification Board for Professionals in Patient Safety (CBPPS), Ressler is privileged to use the CPPS credential and to use the expertise she gained through training to bring enhanced safety practices to Evangelical. And, Evangelical welcomes several advanced practitioners to its family of services.

Advanced practitioners are a group of medical professionals that include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses, who have higher levels of training and certifications, allowing them to care for patients in a variety of care settings.

Advanced practitioners joining or moving within the Evangelical Community Hospital family of practices are:

- Jenna Gutekunst, Certified Physician Assistant—General Surgery Nocturnist, July
- Sharon Novack, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist—Anesthesiology of Evangelical, September
- Rebecca O'Neill, Certified Physician Assistant—Critical Care Unit, Evangelical Community Hospital, September



Daphyne Ressler

- Rachel Robenolt, Certified Physician Assistant— Ear, Nose, and Throat-Surgical Specialists of Evangelical, July
- Elizabeth Seneca, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner— Rheumatology of Evangelical, May
- Elise Slaughter, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist—Anesthesiology of Evangelical, July

First Commonwealth Bank

DANVILLE – Pamela Burns has recently been named AVP/Financial Solutions Center Manager at First Commonwealth Bank's Danville office, located at 315 Mill Street, Danville.

Burns has over a dozen years of similar banking experience across the Susquehanna Valley with First National Bank of PA.

"Pam has proven herself as a natural and dedicated leader," said Daniel Morrow, Financial Solutions Market Leader for First Commonwealth's Community PA North region. "She will be a tremendous addition in leading our Danville team."

In her role at the Danville office, she will lead the effort in building new customer relationships and expanding current relationships to support customer needs in full-service banking, wealth, insurance and trust services.

"I am excited with this opportunity to join First Commonwealth Bank and serve the personal and business banking customers," said Burns. "They deliver tremendous digital banking options while also offering a high level of personal customer service."

She is a 1991 graduate of King's College in Wilkes-Barre with a degree in Communications and a Master of Arts degree in Communication Studies from Bloomsburg University. She resides in Lewisburg and is an active volunteer with Rotary, the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership and the Lewisburg Alumni Association.



Pamela Burns

Villager Realty

LEWISBURG - Villager Realty recently completed their 2022 recognition of local seniors with the presentation of scholarship awards – one at each of three area schools – honoring the hero spirit.

The monetary award, medal and certificate reflect Villager's desire to recognize and encourage those who demonstrate a commitment to leadership development, community improvement and helping others. Within the company, they celebrate the heroes among their agents and staff, and in recent years have expanded into local schools to encourage individuals who show similar traits.

At Meadowbrook Christian School, 2022 graduate Isaac Schuyler was chosen to receive the award based on his grades, his character and community service. At Northumberland Christian School, Joshua Lamey was designated 'hero' for his organizational and leadership abilities in multiple activities outside his sports accomplishments. And, from the Central Columbia graduating class of approximately 150, Trystan Crawford was chosen for the award. Villager congratulates these remarkable students and looks forward to watching them grow into exceptional adults.

Central Susquehanna Opportunities

SHAMOKIN - The Central Susquehanna Opportunities (CSO) Board of Directors has chosen Megan Bair as its next CEO, following the retirement of Gale Zalar in June.

Zalar served at the helm over the last five years and, in all, was with CSO for 39 years. She began working as a training specialist in 1983 with the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), an agency

operated by Northumberland County. In 1989, JTPA became known as Northumberland-Montour Training Services, which evolved in 2001 into Central Susquehanna Opportunities Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

Bair, of Mifflinburg, was chosen for her extensive knowledge and experience in the many aspects of assistance that CSO offers and has been entrusted in serving and providing opportunities to individuals and their families in their nine-county operation area of Central Pennsylvania.

She comes to her position having served over 22 years with the organization. For the past five years, she served as the agency's operations manager. Prior to that, she was an EARN program supervisor, workforce development director and a case manager. CSO is overseen by a tripartite board of directors. One-third of the board members represent low-income individuals and families, one-third represents the elected public officials and the other one-third represents business, industry, labor, religion, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community. The organization works to achieve their goals by creating opportunities for residents and communities in Central PA. The organization facilitates connections between neighbors, organizations, government, businesses, community groups, and congregations to create positive, sustainable changes that make the quality of life better for everyone.

CSO also operates workforce development programs in Clinton, Columbia, Northumberland, Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Montour, Centre and Lycoming counties through a partnership with Advanced Central PA and PA CareerLink.

"As it has always done, I believe that Central Susquehanna Opportunities through its staff and management is uniquely positioned to continue to create opportunities for residents and communities in Central Pennsylvania to thrive, succeed, and become self-sustaining," said Greg Sacavage, board chair. "Although the loss of Gale's work ethic and knowledge will be difficult to replace, I believe that Megan will carry the torch that Gale has lit and shine it to the future for our region, its residents and their families."



From left: Gale Zalar, who retired in June as CEO of CSO; Greg Sacavage, CSO board chair; and Megan Bair, recently announced as the new CEO.

Ribbon Cuttings

Congratulations to the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center, now headquartered at 15 Lawton Lane, Milton. The Central PA Chamber of Commerce - just across the road at 30 Lawton Lane - helped staff and supporters celebrate June 15 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Officials of the CSLPNCC opened the building for tours, a chance to meet instructors and refreshments. Representatives of the parent organization, the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) at 90 Lawton Lane, also conducted committee and board meetings there later in the evening. Public open houses will be held in the future. Learn more about the

Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center at:

<https://www.csiu.org/Page/189>. Find additional pictures from the ribbon cutting on the Central PA Chamber's Facebook and Instagram pages. Larry Augustine, CSIU Board President, cuts the ribbon to celebrate the new location of the CSLPNCC. He is flanked by, from left, Bob Garrett, President/CEO of the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Timothy Campbell, Director of CSLPNCC; Dr. John Kurelja, Executive Director of the CSIU; and Tea Jay Aikey, President & CEO of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce.



INSIDE JOBS



Many thanks to Snappy's for hosting an Inside Jobs Tour in June at their Allenwood location! Marketing Director Ryan Scaife lead Central PA Chamber members in and around the facility, highlighting the famous grille with fresh-made food, ways to save at the pump via a rewards program, career opportunities and more! Above, from left, in front, are: Jeff Shaffer, Central PA Chamber Communication Director; Jessica Williams, Chamber's Finance & Membership Director; Vicky Kramer of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit; and Ginnetta Reed of T-Ross Brothers Construction. Back: Tea Jay Aikey, Chamber President & CEO; Antonio Pearson, recent Chamber intern; Rob Jones of the Milton Historical Society and Chamber Board Chair; Chenelle Thomas of ClearView Asset Protection and Chamber Board 2nd Vice Chair; Gary Barclay, "Inspector Gary" of Barclay Home and Building Inspections; Ryan Workman of Susquehanna Computer Innovations and Chamber Board Director; Scaife, Snappy's Marketing Director; and Mariah Shawn, HR Manager for Snappy's.

Yes to the Future

An intern's insight



The Central PA Chamber recently participated in the YES to the Future program, a partnership between the CSIU, Advance Central PA and PA CareerLink. Antonio Pearson, a Milton Area High School graduate and participant of the YES program, spent a couple of months with the staff learning many aspects of the Chamber and its services. The team enjoyed spending time with Antonio and helping him build his skill set. They also appreciated him lending a hand in many areas. To learn more about YES to the Future, visit www.csiu.org/Page/261. Above, from left, are: Jeff Shaffer, Communication Director; Antonio; Jessica Williams, Finance & Membership Director; and Tea Jay Aikey, President & CEO. Below, Antonio fit it well actively participating in events, including the Chamber's popular Breakfast Briefings.



Yes to my future

When my career coordinator from the YES to the Future program suggested that I would start an internship at the Central PA Chamber of commerce, I was not too fond of the idea.

I assumed chambers of commerce had something to do with the government and honestly wanted nothing to do with it. Going into the program, I was mainly interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. But, according to my career coordinator, taking this opportunity would be a great way to learn about the workplace. So, I accepted and I can tell you now, I am blown away by the work this chamber does and what they contribute to the community. The internship at the chamber taught me many valuable skills that I will be able to use in the future, such as advertising, event preparation, website editing, billing, accounting, and many more. From setting up events on the website to posting on Facebook, I've learned marketing skills that I can apply to any future job. The ability to manage money, budget, and track money by processing bills and reconciling are valuable skills I will be able to utilize in both my career and personal life.

I also enjoyed interacting with the many members I met along the way. The chamber supports a variety of businesses and organizations in Central Pennsylvania and beyond through its interactive membership and community involvement.

Learning so much from such a hard-working and dedicated group of people was an experience I would never have imagined.

I believe this will be one of the most helpful and rewarding internships I will ever have.

Antonio Pearson
Former Central PA Chamber intern
YES to the Future



The Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary Club recently held their Flags for Heroes fundraiser, setting up flags along Route 15 adjacent to the former Country Cupboard property. This year, \$9,800 was raised to benefit three local non-profits. They included The Beacon Free Shop at Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church, The Donald Heiter Center for its summer camp tuition, and the Union County Giving Closet at First Presbyterian Church. Any remaining funds will be used towards various local youth initiatives. Pictured are club members setting up the flags: The Rev. Ralph Hibbs, Dan Myers and Robert Pierce.

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Business & Education

Scenes from the 21st Annual B&E Golf Tournament



Everyone appeared to have a great time at the 21st Annual B&E Golf Tournament on June 24 at Bucknell Golf Club. From top left, moving clockwise: Chamber President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey thanks everyone for their support of the longstanding tournament and B&E prior to the tournament start. The eventual winning team with a score of 53 - Mike McNier, Micah Koch, Jim McNier and Ron McNier. Prior to the tournament start was the 7th Annual Golf Ball Drop! We'll be sharing the winners in the August issue of IYB. Thank you to Amber Gardner of Amber G Co. Photography for all of the tournament photos in this issue. And, we couldn't do all of the day-of activities without our hard-working volunteers, including, from left: Ginnetta Reed and Sandy Berry of T-Ross Brothers Construction, and Monica Larson of Nesco Resource.

"GOLF" (from page 3)

"Everyone seemed to have an outstanding time. So, it's a huge thank you to the folks at Bucknell Golf Course and all our generous sponsors, donors, volunteers and those who golfed and purchased Golf Ball Drop! tickets. Job well done!"

The Central PA Chamber welcomes everyone to return - or perhaps even participate for the very first time - in its tournament next year! The 22nd Annual B&E Golf Tournament will be held Friday, June 23, 2023 at Bucknell Golf Club, Lewisburg.

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Jessica's Jottings

Ways to enjoy the outdoors



Did you know that July is observed as National Parks Month and National Picnic Month? Makes sense with the weather generally being nice, why not go out and enjoy some fun in the sun at the many outdoor areas our region has to offer. Keep reading to see some suggestions.

First, there are the many campgrounds around our region that offer fun activities and overnight accommodations. Some of these include Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, Sunsational Family Campground and Little Mexico Campground. These places offer parking for RV or camper, tent camping locations, or even cabin rentals for families. They also have a variety of different activities for your family to partake in, so no one gets bored during your vacation. Be sure to check out their websites for more information and to see the amenities for yourself. Are you looking to purchase an RV or camper to take full advantage of the parks mentioned above? Be sure to contact Kelly RV. They can help answer any questions you might have and make the process of owning an RV as easy as possible.

Looking for more of a one-day adventure you can take with family or friends and still enjoy the outdoors? How about cooling off from the heat and exploring Penn's Cave? Here you can go underground and explore by boat the depths of the cave and beat the heat. They also have a Wildlife Park to explore as well. Hooplas Xtreme lets you hone your mini golf skills and enjoy cool treats outdoors. To even better your golf game, check out Bucknell Golf club or Sunny Hills Golf Course and make your way through their beautiful courses and enjoy refreshments afterwards on their patios. Summer Breeze Stables can help you learn a new skill - horseback riding! This is a wonderful way to enjoy nature trails in the area.

If all you want to do is plop down on the grass or at a picnic table and take a breath, look no further than your own hometown parks. Our region has multiple parks in each town that help you connect with nature, keep the little ones occupied, and allow everyone to disconnect from the screens and enjoy the company of one another. You can find information on these sites and more like them by visiting the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau, Lewisburg Downtown Partnership, Mifflinburg Heritage & Revitalization Association, Sunbury's Revitalization Inc., and more!

With options like the above, there is no reason for your summer to be dull or lack adventure. To find out more about any of these options, and others, simply go to the Central PA Chamber of Commerce website and explore the Member Directory.

We are here as a resource center, even for your family's adventures! Have a great summer!

Jessica

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Finance & Membership Director
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Dr. David Roeser, CEO of Encina, presenting to faculty and students at Penn College of Technology in May.

Encina CEO visits

NORTHUMBERLAND - In May, representatives of Texas-based company Encina, met with the public near Northumberland, to discuss its plans about building the Point Township Circular Manufacturing Facility, and to answer questions.

Around 200 people attended, including Central PA Chamber President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey. "We fully understand and appreciate that trust isn't given overnight, and it has to be earned," Encina officials wrote. "As a small startup company that is majority employee-owned, we believe the sustainability solutions we are advancing will bring economic investment, well-paying jobs, tax revenue and environmental

solutions to the local community.

"We are committed to being an active and transparent addition to the community, and this open house was the first of many ways that we aim to engage with the local community." Also in May, Encina CEO Dr. David Roeser engaged with faculty and students in the engineering program at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. Dr. Roeser highlighted the long-term, positive economic impact of the proposed facility and its role in helping to build the foundation for other green jobs in the region.

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Kingdom Kidz Inc., 11 E. Third St., Watsonstown was recently awarded a grant from the Ralph and Josephine Smith Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$15,039 for renovations to the Julie M Holmes Creative Arts Center, involving the installation of an HVAC system and an upgrade to the electrical system for this installation. Because of this grant, the center is now opened year round for puppet programs, free movies and other public events. Pictured, from left, are KKI GM Lisa Derr and Donna Bridge, founder/grant writer, standing under one of the wall units and holding the check from FCFP.



Chamber President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey attended a memorial service on June 4 with many other invited guests to remember the late Art Lieberman, who was a well-known businessman and community supporter in the region. He was president of MCPS of Central PA up until the time of his death earlier this year. They are pictured here outside of his business yurt in New Berlin.

The many sides of T-Ross

MONTANDON - T-Ross Brothers Construction is a familiar and long-standing name across Central PA, but did you know there are multiple divisions to the family business? Recently, T-Ross Brothers Construction separated their commercial and residential line of business creating Ross Custom Homes. RCH is passionate about every detail of building a quality and custom home that turns dreams into reality. A home is usually the greatest financial and emotional investment one makes. RCH guides clients through every design decision so that the result is a beautifully constructed custom home.

Also a member of the family, Bend-Fab installs superior quality, versatility, and durable metal roofing. Bend-Fab custom rolls standing steam panels on-site and offer custom metal bending utilizing a 21-foot computerized metal break. Bend-Fab provides customers with peace of mind that knowing that your metal roof is destined to last without the need for constant upkeep. And, Reliable Glass is a division of T-Ross Brothers Construction that installs high quality professional glass solutions for any business or home. Whether one is planning a large-scale corpo-

rate building front, or an impressive university entrance way, Reliable Glass offers high-end performance solutions and a level of personal service that's second to none. For more than 20 years, Reliable Glass has been designing and installing glass and aluminum solutions across a variety of industries. The Ross family has been constructing facilities in Central Pennsylvania since four Ross brothers moved to the U.S. from Scotland in 1756. Many familiar sites in area communities have been built by the Ross family. Today, T-Ross Brothers Construction is owned by brothers Todd G. and Tom E. Ross. In 1996, the brothers purchased the 38-year-old business from their father, Thomas H. Ross, after working their way up through the construction business. The brothers began with sweeping floors and sorting nails from the time they were old enough to hold a broom. Having worked through each phase of the construction business, the Ross Brothers have the knowledge and expertise to propose the most suitable solutions to any construction challenge.

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