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The Inside Scoop

Life just seems to fly by sometimes... And, now you may just see us fly by in an official Central PA Chamber company car (obeying all traffic laws, of course). Or, if you have a planned event with us, we'll be stopping in to see you! Check out our cover story on the next page for one of our latest big moves! I say latest, because we're also bringing on a new member to the team - Ryan Workman.



If you've been staying involved with our Chamber, you should recognize the name. He has been serving at both the board and committee levels, and apparently, he can't get enough of his Central PA Chamber (can't blame him).

So, turn to page 16 to learn more about our new hire, and there will be plenty of information coming to our website and social media channels as his start day approaches.

As a small team, we're very happy to have Ryan come on board. He'll be a great asset to us as well as the entire membership.

Plenty more to read about inside, including an announcement of the topics that will be covered on Sept. 16 at the Legislative Event with state Auditor General Timothy DeFoor. Turn to page 10 for more.

On page 11, First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania has announced a 'Spark Tank' grant challenge! Find out how you can participate and better your community.

Zartman Construction's Bear Rental division recently supported a veterans cause. See how they helped on page 14.

And, our Business & Education Association was a recipient of a grant from the PPL Foundation! Thank you! Learn more on page 17. Enjoy the issue!

Jeff Shaffer, Editor
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The President's Club

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It's Your Business Deadlines

Below are upcoming *It's Your Business* due dates to help ensure your member information appears in IYB. Every effort is made to include information in a timely manner. *Note: Only paid advertisements are guaranteed.*

October Digital Issue
News & Ads due by Sept. 16

November Digital Issue
News & Ads due by Oct. 14

December Digital Issue
News & Ads due by Nov. 11

Winter Print Issue* (released end of December)
Ads & Flyers due by Dec. 2

*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.



Andy Long, Dealer Principal of the local W&L dealerships, turns over the keys of the new Mazda CX-30 to Tea Jay Aikey, President & CEO of the Central PA Chamber. Next to Long, from left, are: Reese Hilbot, Sales Consultant, and Cory Brown, General Manager for W&L Mazda. Next to Aikey, from left, are: Rob Jones, Central PA Chamber Board Chair; Chenelle Thomas, 2nd Vice Chair; Lennea Brown, Treasurer; and Skyler Herb, 1st Vice Chair. On the cover: Aikey stands beside the new ride from W&L Mazda. It will be receiving custom Chamber decals soon!

New wheels!

MILTON – The Central PA Chamber of Commerce's latest outreach initiative is coming to a roadway near you.

In late August, representatives of W&L Mazda delivered the Chamber's first-ever company car – a 2022 Mazda CX-30. Soon, it will also adorn the organization's logo and other pertinent information.

The Chamber Board felt the decision to purchase a vehicle was long overdue, as "it will help the Central PA Chamber of Commerce become more recognizable and give us a stronger presence within our communities. It will also continue driving the Chamber forward." (Yes, pun intended.)

Keep an eye out for President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey in the driver seat, as she and staff commute from one event to another across the region.

Cory Brown, General Manager of W&L Mazda, is grateful for the business and to provide the first company vehicle.

"We're happy to be a Central PA Chamber member and appreciate the opportunity," he said.

When you see the Chamber's new ride "out-and-about", friendly beeps are always welcome.

We'll see you on the road soon!



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Accepting Nominations for 2023 Board of Directors

As a member of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce, you have the opportunity to elect the organization's next directors, who will serve three-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

The Chamber is now accepting nominations from the membership to fill four open positions on the Central PA Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.*

Nominations must be made by Sept. 15 and can be sent to the Nomination Committee at jwilliams@centralpachamber.com or by faxing 570-742-2008.

The committee will prepare the slate of candidates to be published in the November issue of *It's Your Business*.

One ballot will be e-mailed on Nov. 11 to each member business' primary contact. Ballots will be accepted until close of business on Nov. 18.

The nominating committee will meet during the first week of December to count ballots. Vote tallies will be presented and certified at the Dec. 8 meeting.

New board members will be contacted and given details for their introduction at the first board meeting to be held in January 2023.



*Eligibility requires you to be a member in good standing. Learn about other qualifications at www.centralpachamber.com/qualifications.

New Members

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Shawn Stout - CEO
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Vicki Berlin - Executive Director
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S.M.I.L.E. reaches out to single mothers in our communities to encourage and empower them to evolve in their personal potential. Our goal is to work together to motivate our mothers to share experiences, learn from one another, and build friendships to unlock their leadership skills and overcome setbacks.

See "New Members" (on page 8)

Membership Renewals

(As of Aug. 19, 2022)

A+ Office Outlet
Abe's Custom Woodworking
Angela Hummel Consulting
Apex Homes of PA LLC
Asbury RiverWoods Senior Living Community
Backyard Broadcasting of Pennsylvania
Barclay Home & Building Inspections
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Member Spotlight



Bob Derr, Founder/Public Relations

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non-profits in the country that provides financial assistance to those with CF and annually funds CF research.

What is a service that people are surprised to learn you offer?

In addition to medical needs, we also provide financial assistance for rent, car payments, electric and other bills and scholarships.

What is your mission statement?

To provide support and services to Penn-

sylvania individuals/families affected by CF and to fund some of the nation's most progressive CF research.

Tell us about some of your causes...

The annual Chili Cookoff and Auction at the Scarlet D in Mifflinburg, annual Chinese Auction at the Eagles in Sunbury, and we also provide advocacy services for any student with CF who is having problems in any of our local school districts.

When did your organization start?

1985

What makes your organization unique?

We are one of the few Cystic Fibrosis (CF)

Clarissa Paige, President

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When did your organization start?

The Moms4Liberty Northumberland County Chapter stated in April 2022, and the national organization started in 2021.

What makes your organization unique?

We aren't just moms. We are also made up of dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends that have a desire to stand up for pa-

rental rights at all levels of government.

What is a service that people are surprised to learn you offer?

We endorse school board members at the national level as well.

What is your mission statement?

Dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating and empow-

ering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government.

What other community organizations does your organization participate with?

Lycoming Patriots.



Lisa Derr, General Manager

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ences to foster individual creativity in order to encourage others to make a difference and to help us show people they matter.

What other community organizations does

your organization participate with?

Watsontown Area Business Association, Milton and Warrior Run Ministeriums and Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce.

When did your organization start?

Twenty-two years ago.

What makes your organization unique?

The use of puppets to bring forth a message in a creative way, either in a religious or educational setting.

What is a service that people are surprised to learn you offer?

Unique messages in a creative way.

What is your mission statement?

Presenting quality programs through excellent puppetry and providing educational experi-

Want to appear in the Member Spotlight?

**E-mail Jessica Williams at :
jwilliams@centralpachamber.com**

What's Happening



Lake Augusta Wine & Brew Festival

Saturday, September 17 | 1PM-5PM
Sunbury Riverfront Park & Amphitheater
Sunbury, PA

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9/8/22	Governance for the Family in a Family Business	Webinar	10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Free
9/13//22	WEATHER THE STORM: How do we Recession-Proof our Sales and Marketing?	Webinar	12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	Free
9/27/22	Top 5 Cybersecurity Threats to Small Business	Webinar	2 to 3 p.m.	Free



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Date	Event	Location	Time	Cost
9/22/22	Business Startup Basics for Central PA: The First Step	416 Market St., (DeWitt Bldg., 3rd Floor) Lewisburg, PA 17837	9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	No Fee
10/4/22	Creciendo su Negocio: Plan de Marketing	Online Meeting (Live)	12 to 1 p.m.	No Fee

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New Members (cont.)

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Michael Hockenbury - Owner
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Meet Michael E. Hockenbury, graphic and web designer from Winfield. He has been working with small business owners and corporations for many years, developing personalized graphic and web design work for a wide range of industries. He has a knack for collaborating with others, bringing ideas to reality through a wide range of methods in both print and digital. Michael has also teamed up with various artist management groups by designing business and post cards, full-color brochures, and trade show materials. He has also created direct mailers, political buttons, yard signs and managed strategic marketing campaigns for state and local political candidates. Other experiences, include: creating Wordpress websites and original content for various social media platforms, advertisements and helping with fundraising events. Please, feel free to contact Michael for your next design project or marketing needs.

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Frank Wang - Owner

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Keystone Wood Products Association
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Stephanie Phillips-Taggart - Executive Director
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Keystone Wood Products Association (KWPA) is a non-profit organization that supports the wood products industry through education, workforce development and promotion.

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Seeking 'Women Making a Difference'

STATE COLLEGE - For over 10 years, Women in Business has proudly shined a spotlight on women whose tireless work provides the bedrock of a strong community through the

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Women Making a Difference edition, which will be published in October. Each year, Women in Business reaches out to executives, chambers of commerce, community leaders and loyal readers throughout its 23-county readership, to send in nominations for selection. These nominations are then submitted to a selection committee, which bases its final selections on nominees who have made a positive impact on the

Central Pennsylvania business community by consistently moving their business forward, adapting to major changes in their personal and professional life and giving back to the community through volunteering or mentoring. Women in Business encourages you to make a nomination by visiting:

www.pabusinesscentral.com/women-making-a-difference-nominations. The deadline for submitting nominations is Sept. 26. For questions, contact Women in Business Editor David Harry at 814-278-1323 or at editor@pabusinesscentral.com. Every day, exceptional women are making a positive difference in the work place and the community. Help honor them by making a nomination!

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Women in Business
WB 2022 *Women* MAKING A *Difference*

SEASON SNAPSHOT

FALL 2022

GLOBAL FUSION/BRASS BAND
Friday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m.

Red Baraat

Weis Center Plaza

Rain location: Weis Center Concert Hall

JAZZ

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Taylor Fleming Quartet

Weis Center Atrium

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Friday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Bucknell Family Weekend

Paul Taylor Dance Company

Weis Center Concert Hall

ARGENTINEAN SOUL

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Fémina

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Campus Theatre, downtown Lewisburg

NORDIC FOLK

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Dreamers' Circus

Weis Center Concert Hall

BALKAN BRASS

Thursday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Lemon Bucket Orchestra

Weis Center Concert Hall

SCOTTISH FOLK

Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Julie Fowles

Weis Center Concert Hall

CLASSICAL

Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

featuring Violinist Nicola Benedetti

Weis Center Concert Hall

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Saturday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

The TL Collective

Weis Center Concert Hall

CUBAN JAZZ

Thursday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Alfredo Rodriguez & Pedro Martinez Duo

Weis Center Concert Hall

FOLK DUO

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.

The Small Glories

Campus Theatre, downtown Lewisburg

CLASSICAL

Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Merz Trio

Weis Center Concert Hall

SOUTH AFRICAN GOSPEL

Thursday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Soweto Gospel Choir

Weis Center Concert Hall

SPRING 2023

AFRICAN AMERICAN DANCE

Friday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Step Afrika!

Weis Center Concert Hall

TUVAN THROAT SINGING

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Alash

Campus Theatre, downtown Lewisburg

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Saturday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Ephrat Asherie Dance: 'Odeon'

Weis Center Concert Hall

AMERICAN/FOLK

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.

The Wicked Chicken

Campus Theatre, downtown Lewisburg

TRADITIONAL IRISH

Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Danú

Weis Center Concert Hall

FAMILY DISCOVERY/THEATRE

Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

The Griegol / Trick of the Light Theatre

Weis Center Concert Hall

FAMILY DISCOVERY/ROCK

Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m.

Divi Roxx Kids

Weis Center Concert Hall

IRISH DANCE

Friday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Irish Dance Company

Weis Center Concert Hall

CHAMBER MUSIC

Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Camerata RCO

Weis Center Concert Hall

PIANO

Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.

Juho Pohjonen

Weis Center Concert Hall

JAZZ

Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Artemis

Weis Center Concert Hall

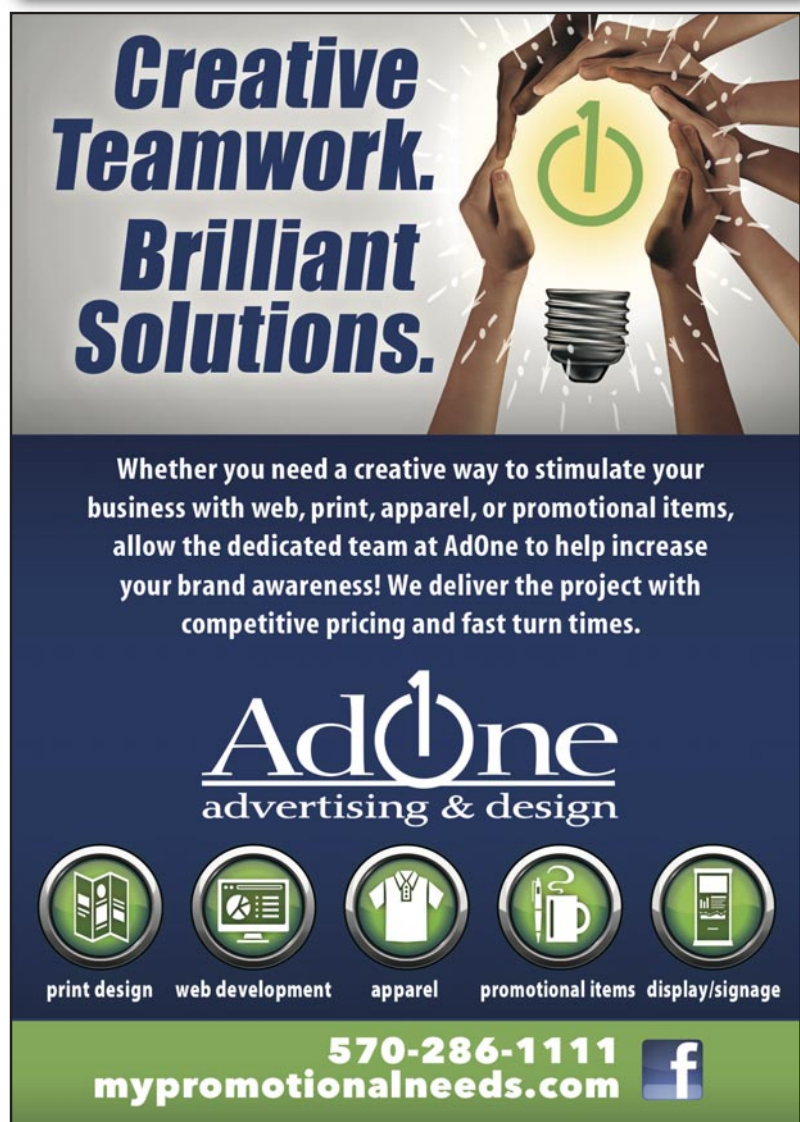


Pet Masquerade & Trunk or Treat

Oct 29
11am-3pm

Craft Vendors Food Trucks
Pet Rescues Local Businesses
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Time with Tea Jay

'Bloom where you are planted'

Have you ever been driving when all of a sudden you see a field of sunflowers, and you suddenly smile for a second, forgetting about what was making you stress? I believe it is safe to say we've all have had this happen in some fashion.

I enjoy those moments, but lately what I especially enjoy are the moments when I find a single sunflower standing amongst a field of weeds. That sunflower inspires me. Despite being alone, it is still standing tall and blooming for all the world to see.

Most of us have heard the saying, "Bloom where you are planted", and how evident is that when we see sunflowers blooming in the middle of an otherwise empty field.

Last month, I saw my first cypress tree while in North Carolina. I was mesmerized at first by its beauty and then by its strength. It was standing tall, not wavering alone in the middle of the bay with the waves crashing and the wind blowing. I snapped a picture, which I have shared and glanced at often. I am so intrigued now by that incredible tree standing strong in the bay, that I did a little research as I felt there had to be something incredibly special about these trees. It is said that we can adapt to new environments because of our life-giving source, God Himself. Like a Cypress tree, we can bloom where we are planted all because we lean into Him and His word. Wow, right?!

I learned there is a famous Cypress tree, and not the one I fell in love with, although it is worth fame in my book.

The Lone Cypress Tree is located along the coast of California in Monterey. The 250-year-old tree, which stands alone near the rough open sea has weathered a lot but remains strong. The Lone Cypress Tree is considered the single most photographed tree in the world. Why am I telling you all this, and what does it have to do with you or the Central PA Chamber of Commerce?

The Central PA Chamber adds beauty and value when "in the field of sunflowers," "but it also stands tall and shows unwavering strength when standing alone in the "bay". It inspires and gives hope to all who see it.

Much like you, our organization has continued to bloom where we were planted.

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Topics announced for Legislative Event

WATSONTOWN – The state Auditor General will discuss financial literacy and how audits help communities during the Central PA Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Event on Sept. 16 at the Watson Inn, Watsontown.

The Central PA Chamber holds Legislative Events throughout the year, giving its members and the general public a chance to hear from elected officials at the local, state and federal level. Aside from the guest speaker, attendees can generally expect to see a number of dignitaries in attendance.

The cost to attend the event in the Watson Inn's Moon Room is \$17 and includes a breakfast buffet. Register by Sept. 8 at www.centralpachamber.com/events. This Legislative Event is sponsored by Service 1st Federal Credit Union.

PA Auditor General Timothy DeFoor was elected in 2020. He first started his career in public service as a special investigator with the state Office of Inspector General, where he investigated government and contractor fraud, waste, and abuse within state government. DeFoor then went on to become a special agent with the state Office of Attorney General, investigating Medicaid fraud and illegal prescription drug diversion. Later, he became a fraud investigator and internal auditor for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Health Plan and various federal contractors.

DeFoor is also very passionate about financial literacy being taught to adults, teachers and Pennsylvania students from kindergarten through 12th grade.



Timothy DeFoor

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More than 3,500 ducks were dumped into the Susquehanna River in Danville for the annual Charity Duck Derby, organized by Service 1st Federal Credit Union on Aug. 6. Fellow member Skyworks Equipment Rental provided the transportation for all of the duckies, pictured next to 'Crissie', the official mascot. A total of \$15,000 was raised for two charities.

Ducks down river

DANVILLE - Service 1st Federal Credit Union held their Annual Charity Duck Derby Saturday, Aug. 6, raising \$15,000 for two local charities!

A large crowd turned out to join Service 1st's Mascot "Crissie" and cheer for thousands of rubber duckies as they raced down the Susquehanna River toward the finish line located just past the Danville/Riverside Bridge.

Over 3,500 ducks were part of the Derby, which is a new record for the event.

Funds raised by this year's event will be combined with those raised during Service 1st's 28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament - held Aug. 26 - to benefit The Good Sa-

maritan Mission and ThinkBIG Pediatric Cancer Fund.

Service 1st congratulates the ticket holders whose numbers matched those of the six ducks representing first through fifth place and the duckie that finished last.

In addition to the race, attendees enjoyed balloons, children's activities and refreshments including free pizza.

Service 1st would like to thank Skyworks Equipment Rental for providing transportation for the rubber ducks during the event, everyone who purchased tickets and the volunteers on the land and in the water.

For more information, visit www.service1.org.

FCFP announces 'Spark Tank' challenge

WILLIAMSPORT - The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) has an exciting new opportunity to involve residents in philanthropy and community causes.

FCFP is creating an innovation grant challenge, "Spark Tank," designed to build and strengthen communities.

FCFP is looking for individuals with ideas on advancing or promoting racial equity in Lycoming County.

"Spark Tank is FCFP's take on the television show 'Shark Tank' and is designed to encourage the community to work towards a more equitable society by overcoming obstacles relating to race relations," said Betty Gilmour, Director of Grantmaking. "If you have an idea, but never had the resources to put your idea into motion, now is your opportunity."

FCFP will invest up to \$25,000 for a winning idea, that can be used to make the dream a reality. Grants will be facilitated through a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to assist with implementation of the program. Funds will be used for ideas that enhance the quality of life for all Lycoming County residents by encouraging dialogue and collaboration to strengthen race relations.

Those interested in submitting an idea through FCFP's "Spark Tank" will be required to fill out an application outlining the project, the steps on how it will be offered to the community, how a grant up to \$25,000 will be spent, and how the project will make lasting change.

Applications will be accepted through Sept. 30. FCFP representatives will review submissions and invite finalists for an in-person presentation to be conducted in November. Winners will be announced in December.

The application is available on FCFP's website at www.fcfpartnership.org.

For more information, contact Gilmour at 570-321-1500.

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Members Recognized

Community Giving Foundation

DANVILLE - Community Giving Foundation has announced the recipients of the Robert N. Purcell Award for Community Service, to be honored at the 2022 Holiday Happenings Gala on Dec. 10 at the Pine Barn Inn.

The Holiday Happenings Committee will recognize Bill Lavage of Service 1st Federal Credit Union as this year's recipient. In addition, they will honor Joanne and Mike Benjamin, chosen last year when the event was cancelled.

Lavage moved to Danville in 1981 to lead the Geisinger Employees Federal Credit Union. Under his leadership, the organization became Service 1st Federal Credit Union, and grew to over \$620 million in assets and 11 locations throughout the region. It has grown from a business of four employees to 75 employees in Danville and 124 system wide.

One of the seven core values that guide the Service 1st team is "support community", and Lavage leads this value by example. His board membership, service, and leadership with community organizations have included: Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Montour Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Danville Area Little League, St. Joseph's CYO Basketball Team, Danville Area Community Center, Danville Area Community Foundation, Danville Business Alliance, Columbia-Montour Partnership for Community Development, Montour Area Recreation Commission, ThinkBIG, and Going Gold Pediatric Cancer Awareness Campaign, and the Iron Heritage Festival.

The Benjamins have been committed to helping their neighbors for their entire lives and continue to show devotion to the Danville community through much volunteer involvement. They led the planning, organization, and celebration of Holiday Happenings for many years, raising funds to support the unmet needs of local organizations.

The annual event is a fun, festive evening that showcases the community service-oriented citizens in Danville. Proceeds from Holiday Happenings benefit the Neighbors Helping Neighbors endowment fund of the Community Giving Foundation: Danville. This unrestricted fund supports unmet needs in the Danville community by granting to local non-profit organizations. Sponsorship opportunities are currently available. Visit www.csgiving.org/holiday-happenings for more information. Individual tickets will go on sale mid-October.

In another news, CGF is pleased to announce that Katie Simpson will serve as Communications Officer, effective immediately. She previously served as the Foundation's Communications & Events Associate.

As Communications Officer, Simpson will continue to develop and produce all internal and external communication for Foundation outreach, donor stewardship, digital media and philanthropic resources. Through collaboration with staff and boards, her oversight will ensure communication is strategic and meaningful for all audiences



Bill Lavage



Joanne and Mike Benjamin



Katie Simpson

while maintaining consistent brand messaging and focus on personalized philanthropy opportunities. She will continue to manage all Foundation and affiliate event planning and logistics to emphasis and promote community giving stories across the region.

Simpson grew up in Bloomsburg and is passionate about supporting the local community and the organizations that make it thrive. Prior to joining the Foundation in early 2019, she served in non-profit development and communication roles in the Bloomsburg and Philadelphia areas. Simpson received a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing from Eastern University and is a Leadership Central Penn 2020 graduate. She is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree.

"Telling the giving stories of our donors, grant recipients, and community partners has been one of the most rewarding and impactful experiences of my career. I look forward to even more opportunities to share the generosity and philanthropic spirit of our community through my role at the Foundation," said Simpson.

SEDA-COG

LEWISBURG - SEDA-COG is pleased to announce that Kristin McLaughlin, a 10-year staffer, will be assuming the role of Principal Transportation Planner.

McLaughlin has been with SEDA-COG since 2012, working in SEDA-COG's Community Development department administering Lycoming County's CDBG program. She has been employed in the planning and community development field throughout the region for 20 years.

Her previous positions, include: Elm Street Manager for Sunbury Revitalization, Inc.; Transportation Planning Specialist for PennDOT's Bureau of Rail Freight; and Community Planner for Union County Planning Commission.

In 2007, McLaughlin became a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. While working in the Community Development program, she was successful in bringing almost \$4 million in CDBG Discretionary (Competitive) funds to the region.

"I'm looking forward to being involved in long-range transportation planning and continuing to serve the SEDA-COG region," said McLaughlin.

McLaughlin graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bloomsburg University in 2002 with a degree in Geography with a concentration in Urban and Regional Planning and a minor in Philosophy. Steve Herman, SEDA-COG Director of Transportation Planning, believes McLaughlin is a perfect fit for the role.

"I am very excited to have Kristin join our team and apply her extensive experience and skills toward ensuring a safe, accessible, and efficient transportation system that improves the lives of the region's residents and visitors," he said. "She brings deep knowledge, broad project management successes, and strong consensus-building abilities in joining our dedicated staff."

Through SEDA-COG, counties and municipalities in Central Pennsylvania have a voice in transportation decision-making. Working together with SEDA-COG, local governments, businesses, and the public establish the region's transportation priorities. Those priorities are detailed in such plans and programs as the region's long-range transportation plan, transportation improvement program, unified planning work program, and coordinated transit plan.



Kristin McLaughlin

Evangelical Community Hospital

LEWISBURG— Evangelical Community Hospital is pleased to welcome Jon Gabrielsen, MD, FASMB, Bariatric and Foregut Specialist, to the Bariatric Center of Evangelical.

As a general surgeon specializing in bariatric and foregut surgery, Dr. Gabrielsen performs a variety of minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgeries including procedures designed to help patients lose weight safely and effectively as well as procedures to correct hiatal hernias and treat refractory reflux disease.

Practicing in general surgery since 2003, Dr. Gabrielsen has been focused on bariatrics as a specialty for 15 years. He joins Christopher Motto, MD, FACS, at the Bariatric Center of Evangelical, to assist patients who have been classified as obese and who have struggled unsuccessfully to lose weight through diet and exercise to achieve life-changing results through bariatric surgery.

Dr. Gabrielsen received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Indiana School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Ind. He completed his General Surgery Residency at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa and his Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship at Geisinger Medical Center Danville. He is board certified in General Surgery.

Prior to Evangelical, Dr. Gabrielsen, served at Geisinger Medical Center in the Department of General Surgery in the section of Bariatric and Foregut Surgery.

Dr. Gabrielsen is accepting new patients at the Bariatric Center of Evangelical. To learn more, call 570-523-3290.

In other news, Evangelical is pleased to welcome Patrick C. McKillion, MD, FCCP, Intensivist to its Medical Staff.

As a critical care physician, Dr. McKillion specializes in serious and critical illnesses and injuries.

Dr. McKillion received his Doctor of Medicine from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) - New Jersey Medical School in Newark. He received his training in the fields of Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, and Critical Care Medicine from Geisinger Medical Center and is certified in each of those fields by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Prior to Evangelical, Dr. McKillion served as an Intensivist at hospitals in Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and most recently at Spectrum Health-Lakeland, St. Joseph, Michigan.

And, the Hospital has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

The award recognizes the Hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines ultimately leading to more lives saved and reduced disability. Evangelical earned the Association's Gold Plus award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for 24 consecutive months or more. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Prior to discharge, patients receive education on managing their health and have multidisciplinary follow-up visits arranged.



Dr. Jon Gabrielsen



Dr. Patrick McKillion

Volunteers needed

SUNBURY/LEWISBURG – Mostly Mutts needs volunteers to tackle hands-on tasks at the no-kill shelter in Sunbury.

"We appreciate the work of all of our volunteers, but right now we especially need volunteers to help with the dogs at the shelter," said Cheryl Hill, executive director. "We need volunteers to walk the dogs, clean out kennels, organize shelves and handle simple maintenance tasks, such as collecting trash and raking leaves."

The number of shelter volunteers declined during the COVID-19 pandemic. More recently, several volunteers suffered severe health issues, and another died in an automobile accident.

"The only requirements for volunteering are a love of dogs and the physical ability to help with work around the shelter," Hill added.

For more information on Mostly Mutts, visit www.mostlymuttsonline.com or call 570-988-6483. The volunteer application is available at www.mostlymuttsonline.com/forms.

And, Hospice of Evangelical will be holding its annual volunteer training from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Hospice of Evangelical building located at 235 Hospital Drive, Lewisburg.

During the one-day training, various speakers will present all aspects of hospice care and allow interested individuals the time they need to ask questions and get answers related to hospice care. The session is for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, but it is limited to 10 participants.

Hospice volunteers do not need to have experience in healthcare, just a caring heart and a desire to make a difference for people with life-limiting illnesses and their families. Volunteers can provide direct patient support and/or behind-the-scenes assistance. Certified pet therapy and music support volunteers are welcome as well.

For more information, call 570-522-2955 to speak to the volunteer liaison at Hospice of Evangelical.



This year, Enterline's Dance Center presented the Kelsey Kuhns Memorial Award to Abigail Imgrund, who just completed her final year - a year early - at Commonwealth Charter Academy and has been accepted at Bloomsburg University, where she will be studying Theater and Performing Arts. Imgrund has been a student at Enterline's dance for 14 years, starting at three years old. She currently studies Jazz, Tap and Baton at Enterline's, and has studied ballet in the past. She is from Penns Creek. Kelsey loved to dance, Kelsey's Dream loves to see her memory and passion continue to be celebrated through this award. With Imgrund is Tina Kuhns, Kelsey's mom, who attended the dance recital to help present the award.



On Aug. 7, Roupp Funeral Home in Mifflinburg hosted Sunset Yoga on the Lawn. This yoga practice was led by EYT-200 Johanna Kodlick of Lizard Toes Yoga. Attendees enjoyed this outdoor yoga experience on the lawn at the funeral home, where they watched the sunset, enjoyed the views of the cows on the property and even barn cats that came to visit. Afterwards, attendees had refreshments and took home Roupp Funeral Home merchandise. The business thanks all who came out for the beautiful, relaxing yoga practice.

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Monte Kapec, founder of Vets in the Valley, is flanked by Dave Zartman, president of Zartman Construction (left) and Tim Clack, VP of operations, holding a check for the funds being donated to the cause by Bear Rental.

Supporting vets

NORTHUMBERLAND - Bear Rental, a division of Zartman Construction, sponsored a fundraiser for the Vets in the Valley Foundation over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend, donating 20 percent of the proceeds to the local camp.

Dave Zartman, president of Zartman Construction, and Tim Clark, VP of operations, recently visited the Camp at Elk Tannery in Benton.

"We are thrilled to be able to support local organizations, especially those helping veterans," said Zartman. "And we want to thank all of our customers for supporting us and the Vets in the Valley Foundation."

The Vets in the Valley Foundation uses outdoor activities at the camp to help military veterans and at-risk youth.

"I would like to thank Zartman Construction, the HUPLITS Allegheny Chapter and the VFW for supporting The Vets in the Valley Foundation and our veteran activities and helping to make our military veterans aware of the im-

portance of wildlife conservation and the need to sustain healthy forests for our future," said Monte Kapec, founder of Vets in the Valley.

Kapec, an Army veteran, founded the foundation 10 years ago with the idea of using the property to support veteran programs and help vets experience recreation and fellowship in a peaceful setting. This experience helps veterans to gain some perspective, while at the same time, educating them about the need for conservation in the world. Zartman and Clark shared a meal with Kapec and a group of cadets from West Point during their visit.

The recent \$2,000 donation from Bear Rental was able to help facilitate a visit from Rich Pawling of "History Alive", who gave a talk about the history of logging in Pennsylvania.

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Camp Mount Luther closes out summer season

MIFFLINBURG - Camp Mount Luther recently ended their summer camping season.

Around 433 participants took part in programs during the seven-week session, the first held in two years due to the pandemic. Before campers arrived, the staff participated in two weeks of intense training. Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop Barbara J. Collins installed staff on June 17 at the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly at Susquehanna University.

This summer, 230 campers enjoyed on-site programs including mini, day, traditional, specialty, and family camps. Campers got to do crafts, go swimming, play games, camp out, hike, and sing during their time at Mount Luther.

This year's theme was "Boundless: God beyond Measure." Campers learned about God's boundless goodness, love, welcome, forgiveness, and generosity. Through the camp's method of studying the Bible, called "GROW Time," staff helped campers Gather and Reflect On the Word throughout their day, culminating in an evening worship service.

Some highlights from this summer included: the return of Traditional and New Things (TNT), X-Teen, Night Owls (where campers stayed up later each night to do nighttime activities), SALT (Service and Leadership Training), and Pick-An Adventure. A family camp was also held for participants of all ages. The adult Bible studies were led by The Rev. Andrew Weaver of Sunbury. New programs this year included Family Pick-A-Day, Elective Explosion, with extra camp electives, and Wild Week featuring more nature activities as well as learning about the environment.

Again, this summer, there were several off-site camps at local churches, led by Mount Luther staff. This year, 203 campers were able to experience camp through these off-site opportunities.

Off-site day camps were held at Zion Lutheran, Turbotville; Trinity Lutheran and Lost Creek Presbyterian, McAlisterville; Christ's Lutheran, Lewisburg; Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish, Mifflinburg; St. John Lutheran, Northumberland; The Table, First Presbyterian, and Trinity United Church of Christ, Bloomsburg; United in Christ and Milton Lutheran, West Milton and Milton; St. Peter, Kreamer; and Zion, Sunbury.

Camp Mount Luther, located five miles west of Mifflinburg off Route 45, is a Christian church camp that runs year-round outdoor ministry programming, including an eight-week summer camp. The camp is



A team building exercise in the pool at Camp Mount Luther, Mifflinburg.

affiliated with the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is accredited by the American Camp Association.

The camp strives to provide resources and experiences in faith formation, worship, recreation, and intentional Christian community for all ages. In addition, the camp facilities are available for retreats and other meetings for church, community, and civic groups during the non-summer months. The site is used as the Outdoor Education Center for the Shikellamy and Midd-West School Districts.

The camp serves people in Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Tioga, and Union counties.

For more information on any of Camp Mount Luther's programs, call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or visit www.campmountluther.org.



Rachael Murphy and Gillian Byerly, representing Girls on the Run Central PA, recently spoke at a Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary meeting about the program and how positively the organization impacts girls' lives in the region. Learn more about GOTR at www.capareagirlsontherun.org. From left are: Murphy, Byerly and Rotarian Rebecca Perez.

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Business & Education

Chamber hires new coordinator

MILTON – The Central PA Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce it has hired its next Business and Education Coordinator.

Ryan Workman, of Williamsport, will begin his role on Sept. 12, which will start a new era for the Central PA Business & Education Association, the 501(c)(3) arm of the Chamber. His predecessor, Michael Porter, accepted a position with Pennsylvania College of Technology last spring.

A Central PA Chamber staff of three kept the B&E programs going in the interim, but they are thrilled have to Workman come onboard.

"There are so many attributes that make an excellent representative of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce and even more to make an excellent team member," said Tea Jay Aikey, President & CEO. "Servant leadership, personality and dedication are just a few.

"Ryan has displayed these as a board director, and I am confident he will only continue to blossom as a part of the internal Central PA Chamber team."

Workman joins the Chamber after spending the last three years in sales and marketing for Susquehanna Computer Innovations. He was also a Central PA Chamber Board Director, but resigned when he accepted the staff position. Aikey said the board position will be filled following the next round of elections.

"For almost three years, I have had the pleasure to get to know and respect the staff of the Central Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce - first as a member, and then as a director of the board," Workman said. "I am honored and humbled to join this team as the Business and Education Coordinator. Their mission to 'Help Our Region Grow' has been my shared passion, and now I look forward to getting to work on behalf of all the members of the Chamber to make our community the best place to live, work, and raise a family."

Workman was born in Florida, but is proud to call Central PA his home. He attended Saint John Neumann Regional Academy before earning a bachelor's degree from Susquehanna University. He also spent a summer studying at Penn State.

Since high school, he has been active in civic and charitable activities in his community, including serving the board of the Lycoming Brotherhood Alliance and participating in multiple MS Walks and Relays for Life. He is a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, active with the music ministry of several area Catholic churches, assists the coordinating committee of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Pennsylvania Young Republicans, and Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Workman also carries on his passion for music and performing with the Williamsport Music Club, where he serves as its vice president.

B&E is experiencing a renaissance of sorts, as it will look to its members and stakeholders to help determine future initiatives.

"We need to keep up with the times and what current needs are," Aikey said.

She encourages any business professional, educator, student, and



Ryan Workman recently resigned from the Central PA Chamber Board of Directors to become a member of the staff as the Business and Education Coordinator.

educational institution to come to the table and help B&E refocus, making it a worthwhile endeavor well into the future. Aikey has begun reaching out to individuals to serve on the new steering committee, but if you have an interest in shaping B&E, contact her at tjaikey@centralpachamber.com or call 570-742-7341.

B&E will not see a complete overhaul, as programs like the Seminar & Training Series, career fairs, job shadowing opportunities and invitations to students to attend Legislative Events will remain, however, a planned steering committee can help fill in any gaps.

The end goal is a strong regional workforce with the right set of skills, including "soft skills".

Aikey added it's also important to highlight efforts already being made by other organizations.



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'B&E' awarded grant

ALLENTOWN - The Central PA Business & Education Association is pleased to announce it received a \$3,500 grant from the PPL Foundation. These funds will support many of B&E's current initiatives to promote leadership and career exploration among area students.

"We can't say enough about the continued support to the region by the PPL Foundation," said Tea Jay Aikey, Central PA Chamber President & CEO. "We are grateful that they find our causes worthwhile endeavors."

The PPL Foundation awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. Through strategic partnerships, the PPL Foundation

supports organizations working to create vibrant, sustainable communities; promote diversity, equity and inclusion; and em-

power each citizen to fulfill her or his potential. The PPL Foundation contributes more to a wide variety of non-profit

organizations in eastern and central Pennsylvania. To learn more, visit www.pplcares.com.

The vision of the Central PA Business & Education Association is to have "A Knowledge-ABLE Workforce", meaning the workforce has both an understanding and skill set to be great employees. You can learn more about its current programs by visiting: www.centralpa-chamber.com/business-and-education-association.



Evangelical Community Hospital's 2022 High School Summer Healthcare Careers Internship Students were, front, from left: Julianna Jordan, Midd-West; Diana Zheng, Lewisburg; Katlyn Weaver, Milton; Isabelle Kim, Lewisburg; Annabelle Jiang, Lewisburg; and Sydney Bolinsky, Lewisburg. Back: Kara Brazier, Lewisburg; Sydney Yerg, Midd-West; Kaylyn Peachy, Midd-West; Sophia Maneval, Midd-West; Emily Boyles, Lewisburg; Madelyn Brown, Line Mountain; and Ashlyn Brown, Line Mountain.

Evan hosts interns

LEWISBURG - According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment in healthcare occupations is projected to grow 16 percent from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations, adding about 2.6 million new jobs.

Healthcare occupations are projected to add more jobs than any of the other occupational groups. This projected growth is mainly due to an aging population, leading to greater demand for healthcare services.

Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg is taking proactive steps to prepare students interested in healthcare-related careers to meet the future demand through a unique program that allows them to experience many aspects of care.

This year's class included 13 individuals, made up of students having completed their sophomore, junior or senior years at schools throughout the surrounding districts. The students must have a grade point average of 3.3 (88 percent) or better and the willingness to experience different areas of the healthcare environment.

The 72-hour internship program provided 24 hours in the classroom and 48 hours of one-on-one interaction with staff and patients. Hospital educators teach the students a variety of skills including CPR certification, lifting and transfer techniques, and personal care skills. The classroom training includes various presentations by supporting clinical areas in the Hospital, as well as learning how to care for a patient. This includes bathing, oral hygiene, making the bed, and completing paperwork.

The high school students of this year's class came from four school districts, including: Lewisburg, Line Mountain, Midd-West and Milton.

The students began classroom training in mid-June and were placed in different rotations in varying departments, including: Obstetrics, Acute Care, Orthopaedics, Intermediate Care Unit, Imaging Services, Wound Clinic, Emergency, Intensive Care, and One-Day Surgery following their classroom instruction. Students can use their summer experiences at the Hospital to meet job shadowing requirements while experiencing firsthand a career path they might wish to pursue.

For more information on the High School Summer Healthcare Careers Internship program, call Tiffany Musser at 570-522-2727 or visit www.evanhospital.com.



The Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy, along with sponsor Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, would like to congratulate Clark Nicholls, the first-place winner in the Stock Market Challenge in Union County and the first-place winner in the Pennsylvania state competition, middle school division. Above, Nicholls, under the leadership of teacher Tris West at the Donald Eichhorn Middle School, Lewisburg, received a Chromebook and a \$100 gift card. In the left photo is MB&T President & CEO Jeffrey Kapsar with the computer. Learn more at: www.penncfl.org/unioncounty.

Jessica's Jottings

A special day made better by members



September is a wonderful month for me this year! I married (Sept. 3) the guy who has been my support system for the last 11 years! So, I want to take this column to explain how simple it was to plan my wedding and why the Central PA Chamber of Commerce is essential for your business and personal needs.

I was able to get quotes from every vendor I would need for the big day just by going to the Chamber directory. From there, I could reach out to each business and find all the information I needed. Within a month, I had everything booked and ready to go. To put that in perspective for you, I got engaged in 2020 and by early 2021 details were determined, and deposits were made, which made the rest of that year and the beginning of 2022 very stress free. When it started getting closer to the event, all the vendors were quick to respond to me checking in, and they made sure to double check all of the details to see if anything needed to change so my day would be absolutely special!

At this point, I would like to acknowledge the businesses that made my day perfect. **Lewisburg Studio by Melo Photo**, for the amazing moments captured. **The Blooming Rooster**, for the most beautiful flower arrangements at the ceremony and reception. **Devoted to Your Day**, for capturing even more silly moments from my guests in the photobooth. **Gable House Bakery**, for the most delicious and beautiful cake and cupcakes. **DJ C**, for providing the music and keeping our guests on the dance floor all night. **Fusion Formal & Bridal**, for dressing my bridesmaids and myself in the perfect dresses (and dealing with our crazy schedules for fittings). **Feast of Flavor Catering**, for not only keeping my guests fed but for also providing us with the best venue and service staff imaginable. If not for these amazing businesses, I have no idea how this wedding would have happened the way it did.

If you are a business and have not joined the Central PA Chamber of Commerce, I ask why not? Not only does the staff refer your business, but there are tens of thousands that visit our website each year and look for services from our members. If your business is not listed, how will you get noticed and contacted?

If you are looking for services and have not visited the Chamber Directory, please do so, and save yourself time and energy when planning an event or even for other services needed around your home or business.

Thank you, again, to the Chamber members that helped me out on my big day, and I cannot wait to see more shout outs about our members from their future or existing clients!

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Visit: www.centralpachamber.com/membership-directory

Breakfast Briefing



There were a few more full Breakfast Briefings in July and August, sponsored by Java Momma and PPL Electric Utilities, respectively. Above, Sherry Peck, Director of Marketing for Java Momma, talked about the business's tremendous growth over the last five years. They do wholesale and private label, retail and online sales, also including tea, spices and cocoa. Check out their retail location at 1426 Ferry St., Danville. Learn more at www.javamomma.com. And, Tracie Witter, Regional Community Relations Director for PPL, talked about the company's positive track record in service, funding community causes and other initiatives. For more, visit: www.pplelectric.com.



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Foundation expands

LEWISBURG - The Getting Ahead Foundation is excited to announce that their Getting Ahead in the Valley program is now expanding to Sunbury.

Residents of Sunbury can now take advantage of the 19-week Getting Ahead in a Just Getting-By World program, which helps individuals find the tools they need to help manage their life better and set goals for their future.

Applications to join the program were made available this summer, and the first Getting Ahead in Sunbury class is already fully enrolled. Since interest for the program was higher than expected, program directors decided to accept additional members over the enrollment capacity.

"We are so excited to bring Getting Ahead to Sunbury," said Rose

Williams, Getting Ahead Foundation founder. "One in five Sunburians live in poverty. This means that every day they concentrate on survival. These folks must be masterful at juggling multiple challenges with limited resources. When we live in poverty, getting by takes every ounce of energy. Our goal is to help build resources for a better, more stable life."

The Getting Ahead program not only offers individuals skills and resources to move themselves and their families from poverty to self-sufficiency, but the program also offers a meal and childcare at each program session.

Anyone interested in providing a meal, or volunteering in any capacity to support Getting Ahead, should contact Williams at 570-238-0478.



State Rep. Lynda Culver, Sen. Gene Yaw and Kendra Aucker, President and CEO of Evangelical Community Hospital, listen as Stacie Gaul, Associate VP of Support Services and Capital Planning at the Hospital, explains how the new chiller will increase capacity, provide redundancy, and provide chilled water to the Hospital under emergency power.

Yaw, Culver tour Evan

LEWISBURG - In August, state Sen. Gene Yaw and state Rep. Lynda Culver toured Evangelical Community Hospital's plant facility. While on tour, Hospital staff were able to talk about the new 750-ton magnetic bearing chiller, a higher quality, more efficient chiller that will increase capacity, provide redundancy, and provide chilled water to the Hospital under emergency power.

The visit comes after both Yaw and Culver vigorously supported state funding through two separate grants totaling \$900,000 for Evangelical's effort to increase its energy efficiency.

Both grants, which are products of the Office of the Budget's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), are in the process of being fulfilled to fully receive the promised funds.

The grant expands the Hospital's \$1.9 million Efficiency Initiative, a project which will reduce the Main Campus's energy consumption by more than 394,000 kWh annually and allow for efficient cooling of the Patient Room Improvement, Modernization, and Enhancement (PRIME) project.

RACP is a Commonwealth grant program that was created for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects.



Marie Wagner, a licensed massage therapist, was a guest speaker at the Be Well Festival in Milton in late July. Wagner discussed her specialties in chronic pain management and stress relief. To learn more, visit www.marie-wagner.com.

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BY THE NUMBERS...

There are **10** new members being welcomed in this issue of It's Your Business.


The Chamber's Board of Directors will be looking to fill **5** seats next year. Turn to page 4 for details!

There are **7** Chamber events listed in this issue, and you're welcome to attend all of them!


Join us at these upcoming events!

Open house until 3 p.m. with hotdogs and other refreshments!

Ribbon Cutting



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12 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 @ 88 Route 522, Selinsgrove



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

welcomes
PA Auditor General Timothy DeFoor



7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16 @ Watson Inn, Watsontown
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INSIDE JOBS

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21
@ Timberhaven Log & Timber Homes
1081 Salem Church Road, Middleburg

Featuring:




- A behind-the-scenes tour of the facilities
- Light lunch to follow
- Meet the Timberhaven team


Inside Jobs offers members a chance to tour facilities of fellow businesses/organizations.
Find tour details and register @ www.centralpachamber.com/events.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. / Thursday, Oct. 27
Silver Moon Banquet Hall, Lewisburg
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