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The Inside Scoop

As you may recall, we postponed the original date of our annual B&E Golf Tournament due to heavy rain. While we traded it for intense summer heat, it was a wonderful day! See why it continues to be a special day for us and numerous members by reading our cover story on the next page. The tournament wasn't the only time we



spent outdoors with members this past month. We also held our inaugural Fine Day for Wine Day, which included stops at five member wineries, all while being chauffeured in a top-quality motorcoach. See who was involved and joined us for the trip on page 11.

As usual, there is never a shortage of new members to welcome. Find out who are among them, starting on page 4. President & CEO Tea Jay Aiken found one of them to be especially near-and-dear to her heart. Find out why on page 10. There are quite a few people and organizations to recognize this

month starting on page 12. From retirements and new hires to promotions and awards, see who are featured in "Members Recognized".

A new class of Raising the Board is fast approaching, and Business & Education Coordinator Ryan Workman is excited to tell you about it and why you should consider being there. Turn to page 17 for details!

Summer is still in full swing, and we have many Chamber and member events featured throughout the issue. Make sure to show your support and also find opportunities to expand your network.

Enjoy the issue!

Jeff Shaffer, Editor Communication Director jshaffer@centralpachamber.com

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IYB Deadlines

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

September Digital Issue News & Ads due by Aug. 11

Fall Print Issue* (released early October) Ads & Flyers due by Sept. 8

October Digital Issue News & Ads due by Sept. 15

*The Central PA Chamber also publishes *IYB Quarterly* four times a year. Copies are available at public member locations across the region.

The President's Club is an exclusive sponsorship program created to prominently recognize members that contribute to the Central PA Chamber over and above their annual membership investment. Learn more at centralpachamber.com/tpc.

Central Pa Chamber of Commerce-3

Teaming up for 'B&E'

LEWISBURG - It takes a village to raise a child, and it takes a wonderful Chamber membership to conduct a great golf tournament!

Between 22 golf teams and several dozen volunteers and sponsors, a sizable portion of Central PA Chamber supporters helped the organization hold another succesful year of the Business & Education Golf Tournament on Friday, July 28, at Bucknell Golf Club. Revenue is projected to come in at more than \$20,000!

T-Ross Brothers Construction returned as the Master Sponsor, once again, for this 22nd year of the tournament. And, Service 1st Federal Credit Union retained its standing as the sponsor of the Golf Ball Drop!, which is held just prior to the golf tournament on a practice green outside of the BGC Clubhouse. (The Central PA Chamber is in the process of contacting its three winners from the drop, and they will be featured in the September issue of It's Your Business.)

It was a hot, but otherwise blue sky day for B&E's biggest fundraiser of the year, which supports programs building the skills of the current and future workforce. For more information, contact Ryan



Above, is the winning foursome from the 22nd Annual Business & Education Golf Tournament, held Friday, July 28, at Bucknell Golf Club, Lewisburg. From left: Eric Steen, Hannah Rabb, Rachael Herb and Matt Rabb. They squeezed out the victory on a scorecard tie break! *On the cover: Herb, representing Golf Ball Drop! Sponsor Service 1st Federal Credit Union, and Todd Ross of T-Ross Brothers Construction, the golf tournament's Master Sponsor. T-Ross provides the crane and basket used for dumping the golf balls to conduct the side fundraiser Golf Ball Drop! Background image from BGC is by Hosterman Creative.*

Workman at 570-742-7341 or rworkman@centralpchamber.com, and visit: www.centralpachamber.com/business-and-education-as-sociation.

"We are so grateful for the ongoing support of longtime and new Central PA Chamber members alike," said Chamber President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey. "From the players and volunteers to sponsors and other donors, we couldn't pull off this tournament without them. "The staff of the Bucknell Golf Club, too, also make this an even better experience with their willingness to help in any way possible." You can be sure the 23rd Annual B&E Golf Tournament will be taking place! Save the date for Friday, June 28, right back at BGC. Congratulations to this year's winning foursome, which included: Matt Rabb, his daugher Hannah, Eric Steen and Rachael Herb, who also dumped the golf balls on behalf of Service 1st FCU during the Golf Ball Drop.

The Central PA Chamber thanks everyone for their participation, and you can find the whole list of sponsors on page 17. Interested in playing, volunteering and/or sponsoring next year's tournament? Call 570-742-7341.



New Members

The Social Profit 735 Market St. Lewisburg, PA 17837 443-504-8189 mike@thesocialprofit.com Mike Coleman - Founder www.thesocialprofit.com

Founded in 2016 by Mike Coleman in Montgomery County, PA, the company started small, specializing in social media management, serving a few local businesses. Since then, we've served over 250 local businesses. Led by CEO Mike Coleman, our team includes over 10 expert digital marketers, including SEO and PPC specialists, a social media manager, a web designer and developer, and video/photo producers.

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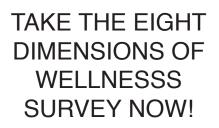
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See "New Members" (on page 9)



(As of July 24, 2023)

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Amanda Wolfe, Marketing Specialist

Nember Spotle

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570-275-4400

How long have you been in business? 50 years

What makes your business unique?

We are a general contractor who believes that quality and customer satisfaction should be one of our top priorities. Zartman always puts safety first as well, we want everyone to go home at the end of the day in the same condition they arrived to work in the morning. What is a service that people are

surprised to learn you offer?

Rigging and moving, we have a dedicated team of millwrights who specialize in the rigging, moving, dismantling and set-up of in-

Molly Aungst,

Director of Marketing and Events

570-271-7937

How long have you been in business? Since 1981.

What makes your organization unique? Serving families from 65 of 67 counties in Pennsylvania, 34 states and 27 countries, the Ronald McDonald House has provided love and care to over 416,000 guests over the past 42 years. The House is often referred to as the "House that Love Built", because it was the seed of an idea inspired to provide a second home that offers familiar and comforting amenities.

What is your Mission Statement? The Ronald McDonald House of Danville



How long have you been in business? Seven years.

What makes your business unique? We offer custom and personal woodworking products.

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

Making and replicating pieces by repairing all types of personal items such as furniture.

dustrial equipment.

What is your Mission Statement?

To provide expert construction services to our customers: Sometimes Outpromised, Never Outperformed.

What other community organizations do you participate with?

Several professional, trade and business associations, including: American Institute of Architects; American Society of Civil Engineers; National Society of Professional Engineers: Construction Professional Management Association; American Rental Association: Associated Builders & Contrac-

24 Trembulak Way, Danville

maungst@rmhdanville.com

What is a service that people are

surprised to learn you offer?

receiving outpatient care at area hospitals.

Along with our 19-room guest house, the

Ronald McDonald House of Danville

(RMHD) also has a Family Room inside the

Janet Weis Children's Hospital. The Family

Room has extended the support of our Ron-

ald McDonald House into the hospital by of-

fering a quiet, comfortable place for families

to rest and regroup during their child's treat-

ment. RMHD also hosts Camp Dost, a

tors; Association of Equipment Management Professionals; Central Pennsylvania Safety Association; Metal Building Contractors & Erectors Association; Specialized Carriers & **Riggers Association; Central Susquehanna** Builders Association; Con/Steel Alliance; Pennsylvania Builders Association; West Branch Susquehanna Builders Association; American Institute of Public Accountants: Construction Financial Management Association; Columba Montour and Greater Susquehanna Valley chambers of commerce; Kiwanis Club; and Susquehanna Resource Management Association.



summer camp for pediatric cancer patients held each summer at Camp Victory in Millville.

What other community organizations do you participate with?

Greater Susquehanna Valley, Columbia Montour, and Williamsport/Lycoming chambers of commerce, Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County, Columbia Montour Visitor's Bureau, and BNI Iron Valley.

Robert Showers, Owner/Operator

bob@abeswoodworking.com 416 Chestnut St., Mifflinburg

570-966-7022

What is your Mission Statement?

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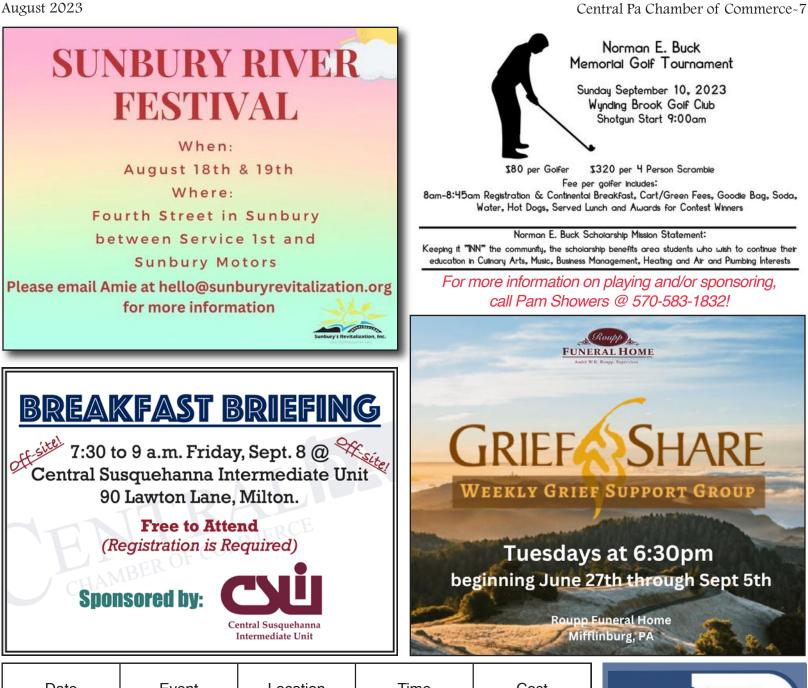
What other community organizations do you participate with?

Pennsylvania Campground Owners Association and the Susquehanna River Valley Visitor's Bureau.

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What's Happening





Date	Event	Location	Time	Cost	
8/17	The Heavy Life of CMMC	Webinar	2 to 3 p.m.	Free	Lauri Moon Manager, Outreach &
9/12	Manage Your Pipeline to Manage Success	Webinar	12 to 1 p.m.	Free	Special Projects 570-329-3200
9/14	Lean Manufacturing Level One Certification - Lycoming County	Webinar	10 to 11 a.m.	\$1,895	www.imcpa.com/events



Small Business **Development Center Bucknell University**

570-577-1249 www.bucknell.edu/sbdcevents

Date	Event	Location	Time	Cost
8/10	Business Startup Basics for Central PA: The First Step	416 Market St. (DeWitt Bldg., 3rd Floor) Lewisburg	9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	No Fee

Have you dreamed of being your own boss for many years but don't know where to start?...

Start with the Bucknell SBDC!

New Members (cont.)

Great Dane

891 Strick Lane Danville, PA 17821 570-437-3141 jmcnamara@greatdane.com Jessica McNamara - Human Resources Manager www.greatdane.com

With a history dating back to 1900, Great Dane has established itself as the transportation solutions leader of today – delivering innovative products and exceptional services that help our customers and employees succeed. We not only engineer durable and high-quality trailers and truck bodies, we foster relationships that last a lifetime.

Watsontown Historical Association 109 Main St. Watsontown, PA 17777 570-538-1777 djnova@windstream.net Diana Johnson - Board Member

www.facebook.com/WatsontownHistoricalAssociation

Our goal is to promote the preservation of personal and public archives and collections; to protect our historic buildings; to educate and encourage an enthusiastic ongoing interest of Watsontown's rich history to enhance our local and surrounding community. Our vision is to become a community-based, research facility and historic museum, that will uplift the community by preserving its treasures and honoring its past. Our main interest is Watsontown and the surrounding communities of the Warrior Run School District, which reaches across Montour, Northumberland and Union counties. These areas include, but are not limited to: Allenwood, Dewart, Exchange, Limestonville, McEwensville, Turbotville, Washingtonville, Whitehall, and Anthony, Delaware, Gregg, Lewis, and Limestone townships. Our range also extends to the New Columbia and White Deer areas as we recognize the historic school boundaries.

BREAKFAST BRIEFING

7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22 @ the Central PA Chamber of Commerce 30 Lawton Lane, Milton.

Members - FREE; Non-members - \$7 (Registration is Required)

Sponsored by: Fulton Bank

Banner program in third year

MILTON - The Milton Rotary Club is celebrating its third year honoring Hometown Heroes. In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Milton Rotary Club developed the Hometown Heroes banner program to recognize essential workers and honor current and past veterans. What developed as a small way to say, "thank you" has become something very positive. As you drive through Milton, you can see veterans, teachers and supporters of Milton displayed on various poles.

The club started in 2021 with 36 banners displayed throughout Milton and has grown the program to 46 banners this year. The 2023 Hometown Heroes were hung just in time for Memorial Day and will be proudly displayed until May 2024.

This program helps to support the Milton YMCA, Milton Library, Panther Packs, MASD and WRSD Scholarship Funds, and so much more.

The Milton Rotary Club would like to thank the Milton Borough for hanging the banners and the banner sponsors for supporting the program. To learn more about the program, or to be placed on the 2024 waiting list, e-mail the Milton Rotary Club at miltonparotary@gmail.com.



Find the latest member news and events on our Facebook and Instagram pages!

Annual 5/10K trail run at Camp Mount Luther

MIFFLINBURG - Camp Mount Luther will be holding a 5- and 10-kilometer trail run race at the camp on Saturday, Sept. 2.

This is an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. The start time for the race is 9 a.m. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5K or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run.

Registration is \$35 and opens at 7:30 on race day. Shower facilities are available after the race. All miles for the course will be marked, and there is one water stop on the course. There will also be a Kids Fun Run. The age groups are 6 and under and 7 to 10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run. Again, this year there will also be a one-mile fun walk. The same registration fees and amenities apply. The walk will be on a dirt road. Timing will be electronically done.

To register, visit https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/ DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace. You must be registered by midnight, Aug. 14 to receive a hoodie. There will be an awards ceremony following the races.

The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg. It was named in honor and memory of The Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion. Heasley's widow, Shirley, is also involved in the planning of the race.

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. In addition, the camp facilities are available for retreats and other meetings for church, community, and civic groups during the non-summer months. For more information, visit www.campmountluther.org.

Chamber Blood Drive



Thank you to John Machak of The Wealth Factory and the other 20 donors who turned out for our American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 29! Together, we'll save as many as 72 lives! There are blood drives scheduled at our location throughout the year, and you are welcome to join us for any or all of them as you're able to give. Our next one is coming up on Monday, Oct. 2. Visit: www.redcrossblood.org, and use code "PAchamber".



Time with Tea Jay

Effective communication

The definition of "communication" is the imparting or exchanging of information or news. Effective business communication is how employees and management interact with each other to reach the organizational goal

and be aligned with the company values, vision and mission statement.

It builds bridges between employees and management and promotes effective collaboration across your organization. It ensures that colleagues can work together to improve business processes, increase efficiency, make better decisions, reduce mistakes, and achieve business goals aligned with core company values.

There are many benefits when it comes to communication in business. Such as:

- 1) It promotes trust.
- 2) It promotes team member loyalty.
- 3) It enhances team member engagement.
- 4) It improves teamwork.
- 5) It improves productivity.
- 6) Communication fuels innovation.
- 7) It can resolve issues.
- 8) It creates better relationships.

Know, however, that not all communication is equal. For example, take the time to listen to what the other person is saying. It's easy to "hear" but not "listen". If you find yourself thinking of a response before they finish, you're not listening. This goes hand-in-hand with interrupting the speaker or making a sound judgement before they have finished. Assume that what they are saying to you is also being told in confidence. Do not gossip by sharing the information with anyone it doesn't concern.

Do ensure though that the time communicating is being spent effectively and the topic is staying on point. Use a combination of verbal and non-verbal communication, such as body language, to further confirm that you're engaged and truly listening. Whatever the outcome, be sure to handle it diplomatically.

Effective communication depends on 3 factors: trust, emotion, and reason. I believe it is safe to say we all are continually growing in our abilities to be good communicators and better listeners. As a member once told me when we are green, we are growing and when we are ripe, we rot.

I challenge you to continue to "grow" and work on your communication skills, and yes, that surely includes listening.



Tea Jay Aikey President & CEO tjaikey@centralpachamber.com



To support its Vision of "Helping Our Region Grow", the Central PA Chamber of Commerce is offering Pledged Asset Loans (PAL) to member businesses and organizations that need help in securing business loans. For more information, visit: www.centralpachamber.com/pal.

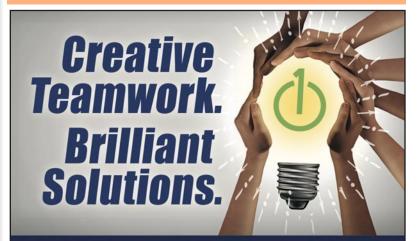


Aikey sponsors non-profit



At right, Central PA Chamber President & CEO Tea Jay Aikey recently sponsored Watsontown Historical Association's first year of membership to the Chamber! Next to her is board member Diana Johnson. Learn more about the organization on page 8. 'I've been admiring the dedication of those making the Watsontown Historical Association a reality,' Aikey said. 'The consistent labor of love demonstrated by their unwavering supportive board and committee members is nothing short of incredible. I have a soft spot for the building they purchased and are repurposing. The Chamber had been assisting Watsontown Borough with

looking for potential buyers, and on a personal note, my dad had limitations of sharing activities with me as I was growing up due to his declining health. We visited the building many times when it was a bank, and I have treasured those moments.'



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'Fine Day for Wine Day' a success



What a beautiful day it was Saturday, July 22, for Central PA Chamber staff and members to spend together for the inaugural Fine Day for Wine Day! We visited five member wineries, and they were all wonderful hosts, including: Shade Mountain Winery & Vineyards, Iron Vines Winery, Whispering Oaks Vineyard, Fero Vineyards And Winery and Neighbor Lady Vino. We're also grateful for the top-notch transportation services of Susquehanna Valley Limousine! Would you be interested in joining us on a future trip like this one? E-mail Jeff Shaffer, Communication Director, at jshaffer@centralpachamber.com. Pictured, kneeling in front, are: Jeff Shaffer, along with his mother-

in-law, Kathy Mattern, and his wife, Bethann. Back, from left, are: Marianne Beane, Endless Mountain Enterprises; Tea Jay Aikey, Chamber President & CEO; Anne Reiner, Reiner Productions; Chris, Aaron and Kristy Basham of Positive Medium; Deb Ashton of The UPS Store - Lewisburg; Alison Hall of RE/MAX Bridges, along with husband, Marshall; Ellen Ruby of Lewisburg Downtown Partnership and son, Adam; Ann Kaufman of U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson's office; and Ryan Workman, Chamber Business & Education Coordinator.



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Members Recognized

Sunbury Broadcasting Corporation

Story provided by WKOK

SUNBURY – Known by many as "The Voice of the Valley," WKOK Program Director Mark Lawrence has retired from radio after more than 40 years. State Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver recently presented him with a citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania during his last airing of On The Mark, "Whereas Mark Lawrence is being honored



Mark Lawrence

upon his retirement from WKOK, after a career spanning more than 40 years of service. We proudly know that he has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to WKOK. We offer best wishes for continued success in the years to come. Congratulations my friend."

Lawrence said he'll still be working at another job part-time or fulltime in the future.

He spent 31 of his 41 years in radio at WKOK; First as News Director from 1987-1996 and again as Program Director since 2001, "When I met Roger Haddon Sr.," he said. "'Making money's just an excuse up here. We're here to super serve the Valley.' And I had never heard the phrase 'Super Serve,' so I didn't know what that meant. But as soon as you came on board, I just did absolutely everything he asked me to do. It just beat working. That's why I did it. So this has just been a great ride."

In addition to his tenures at WKOK, he was an automation minder and national and local news reader and producer for WTGC 1010 AM in Lewisburg in 1982. He then became afternoon news anchor at WHLM in Bloomsburg after graduating from Penn State. Lawrence also spend time at Clear Channel in Williamsport from 1996-2001.

Lawrence is a Sunbury native, graduated from Shikellamy High School in 1977 and then from Penn State in 1982 with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. He and who he calls, his "Lovely Bride" live in Northumberland.

WKOK News Director Matt Catrillo takes over as Program Director and morning news anchor, while On The Mark will continue to be hosted by Joe McGranahan, Monday through Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Endless Mountain Enterprises

WILLIAMSPORT – A Williamsport business owner has been selected to serve on a Small Business Advocacy Council with connections across the country and influence in Congress.



Marianne Beane has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Small Business Association (NSBA) and owns Endless Mountain Enterprises in Williamsport.

NSBA is the oldest small business advocacy group _{Marianne Beane} in the country. The Leadership Council is made up

of small business advocates across the United States who represent small business interests to federal policymakers.

"As a small business owner, I see on a daily basis the importance of participating in laws and regulations and being active," said Beane. "Joining the NSBA Executive Board will allow me to take our collective small business message to the people who need to hear it most: Congress."

Beane is a self-proclaimed "serial entrepreneur" with a diverse background in education and training, sales and marketing, ac-

counting, finance and insurance. Since 2011, she has worked as a coach and consultant for micro businesses and non-profit organizations, which led to the founding of her most recent company, Endless Mountain Enterprises, LLC, in 2020. She is a member of the President's Club of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce and Plunkett's Creek Township Planning Commission, a veteran seven-year business consultant for Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW), a charter member and director of the Professional Organization for Women's Entrepreneurial Resilience (POWER), a 2023 Marquis Who's Who Honored Listee, and has been featured in CanvasRebel Magazine and PA Business Central's Top 100 Business People of 2023.

Beane joined the NSBA Leadership Council to address the many critical issues small businesses face including tax reform, regulatory restrictions, health care costs and the impact of access to capital on small businesses.

The Executive Council is focused both on facilitating networking among small business advocates across the country and on ensuring that small business have their dedicated seat at the table on congressional matters.

"I'm proud to have Marianne Beane on our leadership board," said NSBA President and CEO Todd McCracken. "She came to us with a great recommendation, and I look forward to our coordinated efforts in the years to come."

The UPS Store

LEWISBURG - Gyanna Grudsinski, owner of The UPS Store in Lewisburg, announced that she has promoted Deb Ashton to Sales Leader, while Carole Rivera assumes the role as manager. Ashton has been with The UPS Store and Print Shop for over 12 years. She has transitioned from associate to sales and will be han-



Deb Ashton Carole Rivera

dling the store's networking, prospecting and sales. She is also a notary and printing specialist. Personally, she is a self-proclaimed "cat enthusiast", and currently has four felines.

Rivera has been with the store for over 3 years. She has transitioned from associate to manager and will be handling all the day-to-day operations and oversee scheduling, payroll and inventory management. She is also a notary and printing specialist. In her free time, she enjoys baking desserts to share and going on drives with her husband.

"They both are vital assets, and I am grateful to have them be part of my team," Grudsinski said.

Zartman Construction

NORTHUMBERLAND - Zartman Construction was recently named to two industry "Top 100" lists: crane rental and metal building erection.

In May, Metal Construction News released their list "2023 Top Metal Builders," placing Zartman Construction as 15th in the top metal erectors by tonnage in the nation. In 2022, Zartman erected 1,411 tons of steel, which included projects for INSA, Patton Logisitics, Happy Valley Blended Products, DYCO, Columbia County Christian School, Solvay, Trade Eastern, LeClerc, and Washington Township.

"It is a great accomplishment to be so high on the list," said Senior

Project Manager Devin Hackenberg. "Our crews have been working very hard this year and have produced excellent work." At the beginning of June, American Crane & Transport released their list "100 largest crane companies in North America," which placed Zartman Equipment Rental at number 97. The Zartman crane fleet is comprised of ten cranes ranging from 8.5 to 300 tons, plus a manned forklift capable of moving 60,000 pounds. "We are honored to be named to the top 100 list," said Equipment Rental Specialist Stephen Bollinger. "Thank you to all current and past employees and customers who helped us achieve this honor."

Metal building erection and crane rental have been cornerstones of Zartman's 50 year legacy. The first crane, an 18-ton Bantam, was purchased in 1975 and the first large metal building, the Brookside Raquet Club, was built in 1975.

"We are honored to be named to both of these lists," said Vice President of Operations Tim Clark. "But our top priority has never been to be the biggest, but to be the best, for our customers. Customer satisfaction is one of our top priorities, for the past fifty years and the next fifty."

River Valley Builders

SELINSGROVE - River Valley Builder's (RVB) has announced its acquisition of The Home Store (THS) located in Whately, Mass. The acquisition of THS will make RVB, now The Modular Family of Brands, is one of the largest modular home builders in the northeast. They will service customers in multiple states from New England to New York and into New Jersey.

For more information, visit www.rivervalleybuild.com.

Villager Realty

LEWISBURG - Villager Realty is proud to present three students with the 2023 Hero Award. The Hero Award recognizes graduating high school students who have demonstrated leadership in school as well as in their community.

Villager celebrates those who seek to make the region a place in which all can be proud. These young leaders encourage others to follow in their footsteps. Through them, Villager empowers area youth to use their education and experience to improve. Villager Realty awarded the following students: Maggie Sheets of Warrior Run; Luke Cughan of Columbia County Christian; and Kathryn Polstra of Bloomsburg Christian.

Camp Mount Luther

MIFFLINBURG — Camp Mount Luther is pleased to announce the addition of a new part-time staff member. The new position will support the efforts of Foundations for the Future, a \$2 million fundraising campaign that is in its beginning stages. The Rev. Barbara J. Collins of Selinsgrove began her work on June 1 as the campaign coordinator. Collins is also serving as campaign co-chair



alongside Timothy Apple of Lewisburg. As campaign coordinator, Collins will oversee the adminis-

trative work of the campaign and will provide support to the camp administration and their fundraising consultants, GSB Fundraising. Collins most recently served as the bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She retired from that position Aug. 31, 2022.

"I am honored and excited to be part of the ministry of Camp Mount Luther, a place that feeds my soul. As I work with the capital campaign, I look forward to connecting with so many others who love the camp as I do and watching the goals of the campaign come to fruition through our combined efforts and support," Collins said.

Executive Director Chad W. Hershberger said this completes a new staffing structure that the camp has been putting into place the last few years.

"With several long-time staff retirements, we looked at ways to do our work more efficiently. Part of that process was the creation of several new part- and full-time positions," he said. "This is the final staffing piece in what we hope will help us to grow in the next few years as we expand our program offerings and create new facilities."

Service 1st Federal Credit Union

DANVILLE - Service 1st Federal Credit Union Member Service Representative Sarah Smith has been named the 2023 CrossState Credit Union Ambassador.

In May, she was announced as one of three finalists to represent the Northwest Susquehanna Chapter of Credit Unions at the CrossState Credit Union Association's 2023 Credit Union Ambassador Contest held on May 19, during the Association's Annual Connect Convention in Hershey.



Sarah Smith

"Being selected as the 2023 CrossState Credit Union Ambassador is an incredible honor," said Smith. "The special needs community is one that is close to my heart. The amount of support I have received is overwhelming, and I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve in this role for the next year."

Smith's presentation, titled "Financial Life-Line for the Special Needs Community" focused on raising awareness about financial resources available to assist people with disabilities.

"Over the next 12 months, I will be spending time spreading awareness about the work I am doing with CrossState and Service 1st alongside the special needs community," Smith said. "This is definitely a win for people with disabilities and their families, throughout our community."

The Pennsylvania Credit Union Association, now known as the CrossState Credit Union Association, developed the Credit Union Youth Ambassador of Pennsylvania Contest in 1976 to help young people learn about the history, philosophy, and operation of credit unions. In 2019, the Association changed the contest's name to the Credit Union Ambassador Contest. Participants gain experience in meeting and interacting with other individuals, and public speaking. The winner also serves as a role model to encourage young people to participate in their credit unions.

Smith is a 2010 graduate of Mifflinburg Area High School. She has been a Member Service Representative at Service 1st since October 2020. She resides in Weikert, with her husband, Richard, and her two sons, Ricky and Shain.

Evangelical Community Hospital

LEWISBURG - Elizabeth Price has been named Vice President of Information Systems, Chief Information Officer at Evangelical Community Hospital.

In this role, Price provides leadership and vision for the planning, management, and integration of strategic information systems for the Hospital. She also oversees the development and execution of clinical, financial, and administrative infor-

mation systems strategies to support Hospital



Elizabeth Price

users and provide technology solutions. As the Chief Information

Ribbon Cuttings



Congratulations to Kinetic by Windstream! We helped them celebrate their high-speed fiber Internet expansion in the greater Watsontown area on July 26 at the Watson Inn. This makes an additional 2 600 homes businesses and schools eligible for

additional 2,600 homes, businesses and schools eligible for speeds up to 1gb/second. 'The people in Watsontown, Muncy and other communities will soon no longer be unserved and underserved," said Kinetic Pennsylvania operations President Susan Schraibman. 'These towns deserve exceptional internet, which will meet evolving demands for business, educational and personal use.' To learn more, visit: www.GoKinetic.com. Several Kinetic employees, local elected officials and Central PA Chamber representatives were in attendance. Standing in for the ribbon cutting, from left, in front: Melissa Corbin, state Rep. Michael Stender's office; Shawna Cossin, Kinetic Marketing Consultant; Tea Jay Aikey, Central PA Chamber President & CEO; Schraibman; state Sens. Lynda Culver and Gene Yaw; state Rep. Jamie Flick; Union County Commissioner Stacy Richards; and Jake Myers, Kinetic Sales. Back: Brandon Peters, PA Broadband Development Authority; Steve Samara, PA Telephone Association; Jeff Sauder, Kinetic Director of Field Operations; Gene Lingle, Kinetic Local Manager of Operations; Nathan Savidge, Northumberland County Chief Clerk; Jeanne Shearer, Kinetic VP of State Government Affairs; David Blystone and Dylan Aul,

Kinetic Sales; and Howard Tieche, Sales Manager.

"Members Recognized" (from page 13)

Officer, she is responsible for all aspects of the Hospital's information technology and systems.

Price brings over two decades of experience in Information Technology and strategic leadership to Evangelical. Her entire career has been with healthcare associated organizations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. Her background includes helping more than 300 physician-executive, frontline healthcare managers, and C-suite leaders reshape their strategies and transform the practices of their associated organizations to be geared for success in the value-based/population health ecosystems. She has served Evangelical as the Associate Vice President of Information Systems since September 2022 and played a major role in helping the Hospital and its staff transition to Epic. Prior to that, she served as the Senior Director of Revenue Management System Support at Geisinger.

Manufacturers' Association

YORK - On June 8, Manufacturers' Association honored outstanding members and individuals at its 117th Annual Event at York College.

The event included an inspiring keynote by Mike Eruzione, Captain of the "Miracle on Ice" Olympic Hockey Team who won the Gold in Lake Placid.

Visionary leader and entrepreneur, S. Dale High, Chair Emeritus of the High Companies and Chair of the Board for the High Foundation in Lancaster County was awarded the lifetime achievement award, Manufacturing Trailblazer, by the Association. In 1963, High joined a family welding business in Lancaster City and built it into an enterprise of eleven businesses in six states that employ nearly 2,000 co-workers. In 2012, he established a large donor fund with the Lancaster Community Foundation and then in 2022 in an innovative philanthropic gift, transferred the High Companies family ownership to the High Foundation. The transfer to the Foundation will ensure that the communities in which the High Companies operate will benefit for generations to come.

The Manufacturing Innovator award was presented to RHI Magnesita, a manufacturer of refractory furnace bricks employing 500 and

located in York County. The company's York R&D Center invested \$500,000 in six capital research projects, completed 57 R&D projects last year, and annually invests \$2 million in research activities. Kelly Wall, Plant Manager at RHI Magnesita accepted the award. Joyce Cardwell from Amwins Group was awarded the Partner of the Year award. Cardwell, who recently retired, had partnered with the Manufacturers' Association Insurance Trust for over 25 years, with 15 years as the exclusive broker for the Association's insurance plans. During her time partnering with the Association, she helped hundreds of businesses access the program, benefiting thousands of employees across southcentral Pennsylvania. Bus Climate Control (BCC) was presented with the Manufacturer of the Year award. BCC recently consolidated their U.S. headquarters in York, constructed a new 220,000 square foot production facility, hired 190 and invested over \$3.5 million into the project. A Manufacturers' Association member, BCC partnered with the Association to train nearly 100 new employees through a Manufacturing Pathway onboarding training. Accepting the award for BCC were Jim George, Manufacturing Engineering Manager, Lee King, Project Manager, and six additional BCC team members. The Community Investor award was presented to Phoenix Contact, a manufacturer of electronic connections located in Middletown, employing nearly 1,000. The company annually invests \$250,000 in volunteer time through its employees, donated financially to many non-profits and gifted science equipment to 15 local colleges. Phoenix Contact's 4th Grade STEM Program, Think Big, at Foose Elementary in Harrisburg is credited with increasing science test scores. Accepting for Phoenix Contact was Heath Scoggins, Senior VP for Manufacturing.

Tell us about your new hires, awards, promotions and more!

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Matt Zarzyczny

WILLIAMSPORT - Matt Zarzyczny, who was employed by longtime member The Graphic Hive in Williamsport, passed away suddenly at his home on July 5, following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 42.

"Matt was instrumental in so many things here and developed great relationships with a lot of you," wrote John Yogodzinski, owner of The Graphic Hive, on a Facebook post. "He will be greatly missed, and our hearts go out to his many friends and family members who are grieving right now."

Yogodzinski, who spoke at Matt's funeral service, said they

first met in 2016 through a podcast.

"I remember after recording an episode, we were chatting, and he expressed interest in working for The Graphic Hive and helping me out.

"He was super enthusiastic about everything. Always smiling, booming laughter even when tensions were high. And his love for his hobbies and interests was unashamed, he thoroughly embraced the things that gave him joy in a way many people aren't brave enough to do. He gave license to those around him to be more joyful and engaged as well."





Recently elected state Rep. Michael Stender has been making rounds in the 108th District, including visits to a

couple of Central PA Chamber members. Above, he's pictured with his predecessor, now state Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver, at Kingdom Kidz Inc. in Watsontown. At left, he stands outside of the Milton Regional Sewer Authority with Plant Manager Genie Bausinger, who is also 2nd Vice Chair on the Central PA Chamber's Board of Directors, following a tour.





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Business & Education





Just some of the many great sights from the 22nd Annual Business & Education Golf Tournament at Bucknell Golf Club. From top left photo, clockwise: volunteers, from left, Ken Willis of Genetti Hotel & Suites, Jeremy Hall of Marco and Andrea Hulsizer of Susquehanna Community Bank hanging out at the hole 4 tee box for the 'doubleor-nothing' challenge. The 1846 Grill in the BGC Clubhouse was the location of lunch as well as the hotdog bar and awards ceremony after the tournament. Todd Ross of T-Ross Brothers Construction and Rachael Herb of Service 1st Federal Credit Union let the golf balls drop on the practice green outside the clubhouse. Lots of great sports memorabilia was available to bid on, thanks to Pivot Physical Therapy in Lewisburg. And, the registration table kept our volunteers busy as golfers signed up for mulligans, Jersey Shore State Bank's Putting Contest and more! Photos by Hosterman Creative.

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Tulpehocken Spring Water; Turkey Hill; Walmart; Wegman's

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Ryan's Writings

Expanding and Raising the Board

After the success of our most recent Raising the Board (RtB) class, I am delighted to share with you our next class on Sept. 20 is now accepting registrations. (See page 6!) To provide the best, expert advice and cover the



most relevant information, we will be bringing on two new Subject Matter Experts for additional instruction and new, interactive presentations covering fiduciary and insurance-related topics. The last RtB class was our first day-long course. We will be continuing the daylong format and, once again, be treated to lunch by the Watson Inn. The day will begin with coffee, a breakfast snack and introductions. Then we will proceed to our morning session covering vision and mission statements, culture, strategic planning, servant leadership, ethics, and other topics. After lunch, we will learn about financial essentials, fundraising, board insurance, bylaws, and meeting protocols. After a break, we will conclude the afternoon with communication and marketing strategies.

If you are currently a member of a non-profit or corporate board, or you are interested in serving on a board, this is THE class for you! Board members rarely have an opportunity to receive formal instruction like RtB provides. The Central PA Chamber has put much thought and care into RtB because we feel it will help our entire region. Perhaps you serve your church council or a civic organization, or you would like to be better prepared to address a school board or borough meeting. Maybe you have been asked to support a charity or cause dear to your heart as a member of their board of directors, but you aren't sure if you are qualified or even know how to approach such a position. Again, this is the class for you!

I have had the opportunity to attend RtB as both a student and multiple times as a facilitator. My favorite aspect of the course is how we use the Socratic method to learn from each other's experiences. I look forward to learning more this September. See you then!

Ryan

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Jessica's Jottings

What's in a listing

Over the past month, I have been reviewing the Central PA Chamber of Commerce's online Membership Directory. This is where all our members are listed and how we can send referrals out to

those that need their services. This is also where anyone can find out more about you and what you do. First, I focused on logos for our members. Logos are important because people are able to remember your business or organization without reading any words. They say, "a picture is worth a thousand words." This is why logos are important in the world. We associate these pictures with brands and businesses we like to spend our money or time on. For example, if you see a red cross, you know that is associated with the American Red Cross. Your logo can just be a picture, or it can have your name on it. Whichever you decide, just remember to make it eye catching, so it stays memorable. In my time reviewing these logos, I was able to add 77 logos that we did not have for members. Next, I put my attention to the websites and social media links in our member's listings. This was even more shocking as I was able to add 31 websites and 251 social media links to the listings. Did you know that you can have your Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and/or YouTube links added to your Directory Listing? This way, people can find you on their favorite search engines and learn more about your business/organization. One thing to remember is it is best to have both a website and social media presence. A website gives people more detailed information about your business while social media allows people to get a quick glance inside your business and interact on a more personal level. If you have one or the other, I encourage you to consider adding the other form as well. Descriptions is what I will be diving into next on the listings. These should be short but descriptive and give a quick review of what you do and who you are. It could possibly even be your "elevator speech". This will make people want to click on your website or check you out on social media.

Be prepared to receive e-mails from me as I continue to review these listings. I will be sending you ideas on how to add items that might be missing from your listing and also information on how to learn more about these items and why they are important to have. If you review your listing and notice something that needs to be changed, added or updated, do not hesitate to reach out to me!

> Jessica Beaver Finance & Membership Director jbeaver@centralpachamber.com

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Breakfast Briefing

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Breakfast Briefing on July 21, sponsored by Graphite Grantworks! Owner Jennifer Rempe provides research, grant and proposal writing services. She also spent time discussing how artificial Intelligence (AI) is useful in the grant writing process. Learn more by calling Rempe at 321-298-9843 or e-mail graphitegrantworks@gmail.com. As usual, everyone in attendance also gave an 'elevator speech' and networked over a hot breakfast. The Central PA Chamber hosts Breakfast Briefings every month, and you can join us by registering at www.centralpachamber.com/events.

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Many thanks to Northeast Training Institute (NETI) for hosting July's Inside Jobs Tour on July 26! After a presentation about the business and providing lunch, Larry Frace, Owner/CEO, lead guests on a tour of the 'House of Horrors 3', a 2,700 sq. ft. house inside the NETI complex. It has 1,000 building defects inside of it, designed to educate people going into the inspection fields. Frace himself has 40 years of experience in the inspection business and wanted to wrap up his career training the future workforce. It's estimated that 65 percent of building inspectors will retire in the next five years, so it would be a great time to get in! Learn more at: www.northeasttraininginstitute.com. Register for upcoming Inside Jobs Tours at www.centralpachamber.com/events.

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