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The Inside Scoop

Welcome to our February issue of IYB!

You'll find a lot of LOVE in this issue, to and from your Chamber! First, check out the 2024 President's Club members listed below. Thank you to this elite group of Central PA Chamber supporters who go above and beyond to help us achieve our mission and vision. 2024 has been off to a roller coaster start and it doesn't appear to be letting up anytime soon!



Next, you'll see the Central PA Chamber and our President & CEO, Tea Jay Aikey, have been honored with several distinctions from Pennsylvania Business Central and the State Treasury. We are a small team but we work hard on behalf of all our members. Getting recognized for our efforts isn't our priority-YOU are, but it is certainly a pleasant surprise to find our efforts aren't going unnoticed.

Tea Jay pays special tribute to a long-time friend of the Chamber and beloved figure in the community, Jim King. Regrettably, my tenure at the Chamber began at about the precise time Jim stepped back from volunteering, but I did have the opportunity to meet him once during an Inside Jobs Tour. I'm sure I'm not the only one who could say meeting Mr. King, even once, left a lasting impression!

You'll notice Jessica wants you to know all about our Legislative Events. Each of the quarterly breakfasts at the Watson Inn, keynote speaker, and sponsor have already been booked for 2024. We hope you'll join us welcoming both new and longtime friends of the Central PA Chamber for these well-attended events.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for the great privilege you have granted me as I transition from interim to full-fledged Comms Director. It is my pleasure to serve you! As always, thanks for reading!

Ryan Workman, Editor Communications Director rworkman@centralpachamber.com

The President's Club

Thank you, 2024 Members! (Committed as of publishing.)

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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.

> **March Digital Issue News & Ads** due by Feb. 16

Spring Print Issue* (released early April) Ads & Flyers due by March 8

April Digital Issue News & Ads due by March 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.







Chamber Recognized

Tea Jay Aikey President & CEO

MILTON – The Central PA Chamber of Commerce has been selected as one of the "Top 100 Organizations" in Pennsylvania by the *Pennsylvania Business Central*, one of the most circulated, business-focused publications in the Commonwealth. "This recognition reaches 40,000 readers across a 23-county area in central Pennsylvania. Each year the editorial board reaches out to executives, chambers of commerce, community leaders, and readers to send in nominations for selection." We are honored by this nomination and selection.

Central PA Chamber President & CEO, Tea Jay Aikey, was also selected as one of the *Pennsylvania Business Central's* "Top 100 People." According to the publication, "The vibrant economic and social life of central Pennsylvania is powered by people. When goods or services are delivered in an efficient and timely manner, expertise and knowledge brought to bear on a problem, or necessary care provided, it's not just the businesses and the institutions – but the people behind them that get the job done. We all know that powerhouse individual – the person with the vision, dedication and drive to not only complete the task, but to envision, expand, and excel. We are fascinated by the impact a single individual can have on their workplace, their community and the lives of those around them. The stories of these individuals can provide instruction, inspiration, and the motivation to raise our own standard of excellence."



During the tenure of Aikey, the Central PA Chamber has grown its membership and influence. We now have well over 600 members in multiple states and over 90 zip codes. Our programs reach thousands of individuals throughout the year and we are constantly finding new and more efficient ways to serve our members under her guidance. The business community appreciates Aikey's wealth of knowledge and experience and she is often requested to be the master of ceremonies or keynote speaker at public events.

In addition to this distinction, Aikey has been appointed to the Advisory Council of the Pennsylvania Treasury's *Prosperous Communities Initiative* for a two-year term. Aikey's expertise in business and industry will be sought for actionable input as the Pennsylvania Treasury continually develops the messaging and methods necessary to drive consumer programming outreach.

CENTRAL PA Board Retreat

The newly elected board of directors met for the first time in January. Following the regularly scheduled, monthly meeting, the directors and staff met in the Smith Training Room for a 'board retreat' including snacks and a 'Did You Know?' game show. The full board divided and competed against eachother as two teams, Tea Jay asked questions, and Ryan and Jessica kept score. The final tally was very close, but ultimately the team, pictured below, came out on top.







Find New Members & Membership Renewals starting on page 8.







Joshua Hottenstein, Physician & Owner 570-908-4053 joshua@eulistichealth.com, www.eulistichealth.com 130 Buffalo Rd, Suite 207, Lewisburg, PA

How long has your business/organization existed?

Since November 2023.

What makes your business/organization unique in your industry (i.e. a service people wouldn't think you provide)?

Direct Primary Care—Low cost monthly membership provides unlimited primary care, urgent care, and Integrative Medicine for people age birth to 64. Personalized, caring, responsive.

Why are you a member of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce?

To give me the opportunity to meet neighbors in the local community.

What benefit/opportunity from your Chamber membership do you utilize or want to utilize?

Inside Jobs tour, advertising.



Aaron Barth, Executive Director 570-522-6230 jeister-whitaker@asbury.org www.riverwoods.org 270 RidgeCrest Circle Lewisburg, PA

What makes your business/organization

unique in your industry (i.e., a service

Not-for-profit United Methodist Affiliation

senior living organization -Benevolent Care

Agency. Leading Wellbeing program offer-

people wouldn't think you provide)?





How long has your business/organization existed?

In 1916, area church leaders established the United Evangelical Home now comprise RiverWoods continuing care retirement community and has been serving our community for more than 100yrs.

ing Brain Health services.

Want to appear in the Member Spotlight? E-mail Jessica Beaver:

jbeaver@centralpachamber.com

Why are you a member of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce?

We value the two-way opportunity to both engage with other companies and give back to the community at large.

What benefit/opportunity from your Chamber membership do you utilize or want to utilize?

Training opportunities for staff, workshops, informative seminars. As well as building relationships within the community.



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David Snyder, Owner 570-259-2925 drinkwine@ironvineswinery.com www.ironvineswinery.com 322 Raspberry Ave. Sunbury, PA

How long has your business/organization existed?

5 years

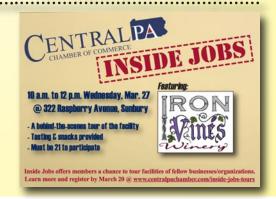
What makes your business/organization unique in your industry (i.e. a service people wouldn't think you provide)?

We have music Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Why are you a member of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce?

Exposure, benefits, networking

What benefit/opportunity from your Chamber membership do you utilize or want to utilize? We will be participating in the inside job tours in March.



What's Happening



Community Health and Wellness and Mobile Health Screenings for February

LEWISBURG - Community Health and Wellness at Evangelical Community Hospital will hold a series of screenings through the month of February.

Skin Cancer Screen: Tuesday, February 6, 8:45-11:15 am, at Surgical Specialists of Evangelical, 25 Lystra Rogers Drive, Lewisburg. This free screening, with Daria Keyser, DO, helps individuals recognize their own pattern of moles, freckles, and "beauty marks." By being familiar with what is considered normal allows people to be more alert to changes in the number, size, shape, and color of pigmented areas that may be of concern. This is a comprehensive, full body screen. Appointments required. Call 570-768-3200.

Free Varicose and Spider Vein Screen: Monday, February 12, 8-11 am, at the Heart and Vascular Center of Evangelical. This screening, with Rachel Carr, PA-C, MPAS, includes free examination of varicose and/or spider veins, and an overview of treatment options. Appointments required. Call 570-768-3200.

Skin Cancer Screen: Tuesday, February 13, 8:45-11:15 am, at Surgical Specialists of Evangelical, 25 Lystra Rogers Drive, Lewisburg. This free screening, with Daria Keyser, DO, helps individuals recognize their own pattern of moles, freckles, and "beauty marks." By being familiar with what is considered normal allows people to be more alert to changes in the number, size, shape, and color of pigmented areas that may be of concern. This is a comprehensive, full body screen. Appointments required. Call 570-768-3200.

Healthy Heart Screen: Wednesday, February 14, 6:30-10 am, at The Miller Center, 120 Hardwood Drive, Lewisburg. This free screening assists in the detection and prevention of heart-related issues. The screenings include lipid panel (good, bad, and total cholesterol levels, triglycerides), blood sugar, blood pressure, and body composition. A 12-hour fast is required prior to your appointment. Appointments required. Call 570-768-3200.

Comprehensive Blood Screen: Thursday, February 22, 6:30-10 am, at The Miller Center, 120 Hardwood Drive, Lewisburg. A low-cost comprehensive blood screening can provide important details about your health, sometimes before symptoms of a condition surface, giving you and your physicians the power to plan ahead. \$55 fee includes lipid panel (HDL, LDL, total cholesterol, and triglycerides), complete blood count, and CMP (blood sugar, electrolytes, calcium, protein, liver enzymes etc.). Appointments required. Call 570-768-3200.



Community Health and Wellness and Mobile Health Screenings for February

Free Varicose and Spider Vein Screen:

Friday, February 23, 1-3 pm, at the Williamsport Specialty Clinic of Evangelical, 457 River Avenue, Williamsport. This screening, with Rachel Carr, PA-C, MPAS, includes free examination of varicose and/or spider veins, and an overview of treatment options. Appointments required. Call 570-768-3200.

Blood Pressure Screenings:

Tuesday, February 6, 10-11:30 am, Sunbury YMCA Wednesday, February 21, 9-10:30 am, Lewisburg YMCA, The Miller Center

Tuesday, February 27, 10-11:30 am, Milton YMCA By appointment at Community Health and Wellness. Call 570-768-3200.

Blood Sugar Screenings:

Tuesday, February 6, 10-11:30 am, Sunbury YMCA Wednesday, February 21, 9-10:30 am, Lewisburg YMCA, The Miller Center

Tuesday, February 27, 10-11:30 am, Milton YMCA By appointment at Community Health and Wellness. Call 570-768-3200.

Evangelical Community Health and Wellness is located at The Miller Center, 120 Hardwood Drive, Lewisburg. To register for screenings that require appointments, please call 570-768-3200 or visit www.EvanHospital.com.

Mobile Health of Evangelical

Mobile Health of Evangelical delivers preventive health services directly into the communities surrounding the Hospital and beyond. A variety of services are offered on the 38-foot-bus throughout the area. To find out more about the services available through Mobile Health of Evangelical and where the bus will be stopping, call 1-833-251-0187 or visit www.Evan-Hospital.com/MobileHealth.

More information can be found at www.EvanHospital.com.

Send your event info to: rworkman@centralpachamber.com!

Evangelical Community Hospital Schedules February Support Groups

LEWISBURG-Evangelical Community Hospital has scheduled its roster of support groups for the month of February.

Bariatric: Wednesday, February 7, 6-7 pm. This month's topic: Increase Muscle Mass to Support Your Metabolism. Participants should meet at Surgical Specialists of Evangelical Lobby, 25 Lystra Rogers Drive, Lewisburg.

Empty Arms: Monday, February 12, 6:30-8:30 pm, St John's United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Rd., Lewisburg. This support group is for individuals following the loss of a baby. For more information or to register, call 570-522-2378. For more information on any of these support groups, please call Community Health and Wellness at 570-768-3200 or visit www.EvanHospital.com.

Lewisburg Arts Council

LEWISBURG – The Lewisburg Arts Council invites the public to join in celebrating its tenth annual Members' Show at the Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg,



The show opens Friday, February 2, and closes Wednesday, February 28.

Artwork will be displayed in the library's "Gallery 255" and can be viewed during regular hours: M, T, Th 9:30 am to 8:30 pm and W, F, Sat 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The show's Opening Reception will be held Thursday, February 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served in the library's Community Room.

During the reception, meet other area creatives who share your interests, hear news about the Arts Council's exciting plans for the coming year, and learn how you can get involved in bringing the arts to our community.

At 6:00 pm, Arts Council President Della Hutchison will have a very special announcement about the Featured Artist for our upcoming annual Lewisburg Festival Arts.

Come celebrate the many artists and volunteers who have contributed to the show and helped it grow over the past ten years.

And, on Tuesdays in February, stop by the library's lobby between 11 am and 1 pm, when representatives will be available to engage with visitors and answer questions about the artwork, the Lewisburg Arts Council, the Photography Club, and the Artists' Guild.

You don't have to be an artist yourself – or even an Arts Council member – to attend!

Lewisburg Downtown Partnership



LEWISBURG – As winter wraps its icy embrace around Lewisburg, the Heart of Lewisburg Ice Festival is set to transform the charming town into a glittering winter wonderland from February 2nd to 4th. This weekend promises an enchanting blend of frozen artistry, activities for all ages, and community spirit that is not to be missed.

Frosty festivities commence on Friday morning with the unveiling of one-block ice sculptures up and down Market Street. Starting at 10 am, live carving sessions will treat onlookers to the captivating transformation of blocks of ice into intricate masterpieces, creating a visual spectacle for all.

As the evening approaches on Friday, the town comes alive with the 2nd Annual Sip and Stroll, generously sponsored by the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau. The Sip and Stroll will take place between 4pm and 7pm with a little extra incentive to check in a little early between 2pm and 4pm. This year's Sip and Stroll has doubled in size, featuring 10 stops for participants to enjoy. Meander through downtown Lewisburg, a little sipping, a little shopping, meeting up with friends, and commemorating the experience with your exclusive insulated wine cup in hand.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased by going to lewisburgpa.com. There are a limited number of tickets available so grab them while you can. You may also stop into our offices at 328 Market Street between the hours of 10am and 12pm Monday through Friday to purchase tickets in person via cash or check. Please have your ID available.

Think ahead and make your dinner reservations now at your favorite Lewisburg restaurant for Friday, February 2nd, because downtown will be packed after the Sip and Stroll.

The Heart of Lewisburg Ice Festival is more than an event; it's a celebration of the resilience and vibrancy of the community. Come, join the festivities, and experience the heartwarming spirit that defines Lewisburg in winter.

For more information go to www.lewisburgpa.com and follow the link to the Heart of Lewisburg Ice Festival landing page (https://www.lewisburgpa.com/ice-festival-2024).

Date	Event	Location	Time	Cost
2/15/24	Cybersecurity Essentials: Toolkit for Small Business	Webinar	2 to 3:00 p.m.	Free
3/12/24	Supply Chain Management	Penn College Earth Sciene Center, 203 Allenwood Camp Lane, Montgomery	10 to 11:00 a.m.	Free
3/21/24	Problem Solving with Root Cause Analysis	Penn College Dept. 32 1 College Avenue, Williamsport	8:30 to 11:30 a.m.	\$189.00



New Members

Ignite Business Services Inc. 329 Pine Street Suite 300 Williamsport, PA 17701 570-212-9558 anne@ignitepa.com **Anne Reiner - CO-CEO**

www.facebook.com/lgniteBusinessServicesInc

Ignite Business Services enhances the work of small business owners by providing valuable support in the form of marketing, video production, branding, website design and much more. If you feel overwhelmed by a day full of the busy administrative tasks, our team is here to help you focus on why you started your business in the first place.

Deer View Homes LLC 2625 Continental Boulevard **Turbotville, PA 17772** 570-279-0522 deerviewhomes@gmail.com **Cortney Shupp - Office Manager** www.deerviewhomes.com

Custom Modular Home Dealer / General Construction.

Journey Bank - Avis 2 West Central Avenue Avis, PA 17721 570-753-5155

Journey Bank - Benton 200 Market Street **Benton. PA 17814** 570-925-6181

Journey Bank - Bloomsburg Main Office 232 East Street Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-784-1660

Journey Bank - Buckhorn **279 Columbia Mall Drive** Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-387-3264

Journey Bank - Catawissa 347 Main Street Catawissa, PA 17820 570-356-2842

Have You Applied?



Journey Bank - Clarkstown **2175 State Route 442** Muncy, PA 17756 570-546-2218

Journey Bank - Danville 710 Walnut Street Danville, PA 17821 570-275-1406

Journey Bank - Dewart 48880 State Route 44 Dewart, PA 17730 570-538-2200

Journey Bank - Elysburg 119 Northumberland Drive Elysburg, PA 17824 570-672-1503

Journey Bank - Front Street Berwick 1919 West Front Street Berwick, PA 18603 570-752-3230

Journey Bank - Hughesville 725 State Route 405 Hughesville, PA 17737 570-584-5171

Journey Bank - Light Street Bloomsburg 1199 Lightstreet Road Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-387-3452

Journey Bank - Linden **7520 South Route 220** Linden, PA 17744 570-398-1234

Journey Bank - Main Street Muncy 319 South Main Street Muncy, PA 17756 570-794-1660

Journey Bank - Market Street Berwick 300 Market Street Berwick, PA 18603 570-752-8028

Journey Bank - Market Street Bloomsburg **1010 South Market Street** Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-925-5467

Journey Bank - Millville 125 South State Street Millville, PA 17846 570-458-5650

New Members (cont.)

Journey Bank - Montgomery 2190 State Route 54 Montgomery, PA 17752 570-547-0123

Journey Bank - Montoursville 900 Loyalsock Avenue Montoursville, PA 17754 570-368-1234

Journey Bank - Muncy 2 North Main Street Muncy, PA 17756 570-546-2211

Journey Bank - Scott Township Bloomsburg 2691 Columbia Boulevard Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-387-4689

Journey Bank - South Williamsport 201 South Market Street South Williamsport, PA 17702 570-365-8522

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Lesley Moore - Community Office Manager

www.journeybank.com

Journey Bank offers a full range of banking and financial services to individuals and businesses across five counties and the surrounding area. Product offering includes checking accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts, and personal, mortgage, commercial and installment loans. The Bank also maintains a Trust Division that provides full fiduciary services and an Investment Center that provides financial products and investment services for individuals and businesses. The locally owned and managed bank operates 22 branch offices in the communities of Avis, Benton, Berwick, Bloomsburg, Buckhorn, Catawissa, Clarkstown, Danville, Dewart, Elysburg, Hughesville, Lightstreet, Linden, Millville, Montgomery, Montoursville, Muncy, Scott Township and South Williamsport.



What is the Central PA Chamber?

9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 6 Central PA Chamber of Commerce, 30 Lawton Lane, Milton Cost: FREE to Attend

Come with questions and be prepared to deliver your elevator pitch!

Register by Feb. 28: www.centralpachamber.com/events

Presented by:



Membership Renewals

(As of Jan. 30, 2024)

Dwell Orphan Care - Lycoming County

Dwell Orphan Care - Columbia County

Budman Auto Body

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport

North Eastern PA American Red Cross Blood Services

Lewisburg YMCA at the Miller Center

Paige Electrical Services

Timberhaven Log & Timber Homes

Turbotville National Bank

Standard Journal

T-Ross Brothers Construction, Inc.

Ross Custom Homes

Bend-Fab

Reliable Glass Construction

GKN Hoeganaes Corp.

One Group Insurance

Reichard, Jr. K.Barton

Pinpoint Federal Credit Union

Aspire Wealth Group

Welch Performance Consulting

State Representative Joe Hamm - 84th District

Specialty Settlement Services

Megan Dugan - State Farm Insurance

Davis Davis and Kaar

Herring, Roll & Solomon P.C. - Sunbury

Herring, Roll & Solomon P.C. - Danville

Milton Steel Company

Thriv, LLC

Brynwood Rentals - 535, Inc.

Middle Creek Signs Inc.

Union County Historical Society

Central Builders Supply Company

Warrior Run Petcare Center

Matt Frye - State Farm Insurance

Rotary Club of Milton

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Innovative Manufacturer's Center (IMC)

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Meadowbrook Christian School

Union County Housing Authority

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Warehouse Battery Outlet

Custom Container Solutions LLC

Bucknell Golf Club

Blooming Meadows Farm

Borough of Watsontown

Spherion Staffing & Recruiting - Milton

Spherion Staffing & Recruiting - Sunbury

Ryder Supply Chain Solutions

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

Time with Tea Jay

All in the Central PA Chamber Family

I know you've heard it said that we are a family here at the Central PA Chamber and we truly are. Not just the internal team, not just the Board and Committee members, not just the President's Club members or sponsors. Everyone is family.



On Christmas Eve I received a call from the friend-wife of a beloved Central PA Chamber family member James "Jim" King to share of his passing earlier that morning. There are no words to express the amount of sympathy and prayers of peace and love to a lovely bride who has just lost her husband of sixty-one years.

In the days after receiving the notice I did much reflection on the impact that Jim had on my life and how blessed I am to have known him as a coworker, friend, mentor, and family member. There has been such a void at the Central PA Chamber since Jim's official retirement from the front desk; but the memories are abundant. The stories and Jim ism's we have are truly book worthy.

Jim's family expressed much gratitude for the Central PA Chamber honoring Jim with an Impact Award many years ago and then more recently with the dedication of a flagpole onsite at the Central PA Chamber facility. That day was beautiful and the photographs we have are proudly displayed. Jim was so incredibly humble. His family said how special it was that he was honored and recognized while he was still here with us to enjoy it. I can't agree more.

Too often we only share the honors and praise when someone has passed. Let's work to do it NOW in honor of Jim. Call someone out to let them know they've done a good job. Recognize their efforts now. We are quick to share and talk about mistakes, shortcomings, etc. so why not the positive things?

I loved that Jim cared so deeply about everyone's success and he genuinely gave feedback, good, bad, or indifferent. The one thing you could be sure of was that it was genuine and came with the purest intentions for your success.

Doesn't cost you anything to tell someone you believe in them. Those little things can help someone in their journey. Lead with kindness and compassion like Jim King did every single day.



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Tea Jay Aikey
President & CEO
tjaikey@centralpachamber.com

In Memoriam



Lt. Colonel James Edward King, of Lewisburg, passed away on the morning of Dec. 24, 2023.

He was born Sept. 24, 1939, in Trafford, Pa., to Daniel and Estelle (Quinn) King. After graduating from the University of Dayton, with a bachelor's in chemical engineering, Jim began a career in the Army, which took him all over the world. No matter how far his travels he was never far in heart or spirit from his wife of 61 years, Geraldine (Ciao). High school sweethearts who married on July 7, 1962, they built a life that includes four children, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren (with one on the way).

Jim had a distinguished military career which included two tours in Vietnam. After serving this country for 22 years, Jim moved into civilian life with the same sense of purpose and dedication. Jim worked tirelessly to improve the economic development in Central Pennsylvania at the Ben Franklin Program and with Northumberland County. Never able to sit idle, Jim later volunteered at the Central Pennsylvania Chamber, where a flagpole stands in commemoration of his years of service. Jim was also an active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lewisburg for over 40 years.

Jim was a man known for great faith and work ethic and for giving the best hugs.

Jim is predeceased by his parents and brother, Daniel. He is survived by a brother, John; several nieces and one nephew.



Workman's New Role at Chamber

MILTON - The Central Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce their new **Communication Director will be** Rvan Workman.

Workman has served as the Chamber's Business & Education Coordinator since 2022 but stepped into the Communication Director role after the previous director left for a new position with another organization last November. Central PA Chamber President & CEO, Tea Jay Aikey, encouraged Workman to take on the duties of **Communications Director on an** interim basis.



Ryan Workman Communications Director

According to Aikey, "Ryan has completed the role as Interim Communications Director for the past thirty days with great energy, attitude, and success. Ryan adapted quickly to the scheduling requirements of the role as well as the various programs while maintaining the Central PA Chamber brand, look, and feel."

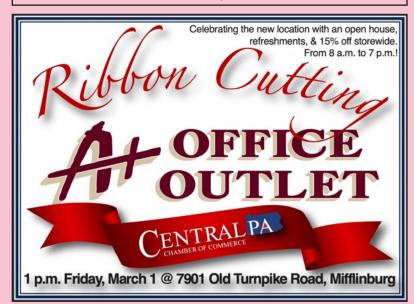
Aikey added "I am proud of Ryan's dedication to learning this role and taking on the responsibility in such a professional manner under the circumstances and limited time to train with the former director."

Workman stated, "I am honored to serve the Central PA Chamber of Commerce and very glad to have received the tutelage of my predecessor. I look forward to magnifying the voice, message, and success of our members as the new Communications Director."

Ribbon Cuttings



The Central PA Chamber helped celebrate State Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver's new office in Shamokin Dam. Pictured from left: Tea Jay Aikey, Sen. Schlegel-Culver, Jessica Beaver, Ryan Workman.



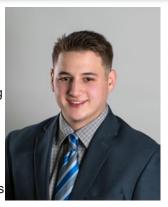


Seminar & Training Series How to Deliver a Great Elevator Pitch 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 19 Central PA Chamber of Commerce, 30 Lawton Lane, Milton Cost: \$10 Member / \$15 Non-Member Register by March 12: www.centralpachamber.com/events Presented by:

Members Recognized

Bowen Agency Realtors

SELINGSGROVE - Austin Snyder of Mifflinburg recently joined the sales team at Bowen Agency Realtors in the Selinsgrove office. He is teaming up with veteran agent Dale Tittle, and the two of them are excited about the opportunity to serve buyers and sellers in the Central Susquehanna Valley together. Austin, a Union County native, brings his energy, enthusiasm and previous



customer service experience to his new position. Larry Johnson, Bowen Agency Realtors Broker and President says, "Austin has taken full advantage of our top notch new agent training, and is being mentored by one of our top producing agents. We are glad to welcome him to our team and look forward to his success." Bowen Agency Realtors is a full-service real estate brokerage with offices in Selinsgrove, Sunbury and Lewisburg.

Pictured from left to right: Jim Dougherty, Executive Director, Community Arts Center; Jonah Howe, Regional Affairs Director, PPL Electric Utilities; Ana Gonzalez-White, College Relations Officer in charge of development, Community Arts Center.

First Community Foundation Partnership

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) is proud to announce President & CEO, Jennifer D. Wilson, was named one of City & State Pennsylvania magazine's 75 most influential difference-makers. Under Jennifer's leadership, FCFP has provided over \$52 million in grants, scholarships, and received \$54.6 million in charitable



donations as well as launched a community anti-racism initiative, First Focus. She has helped to make lasting differences through her work done at FCFP. Jennifer curates a continuous effort of giving within our local communities and a constant push for positive change.

The men and women that make up the Impact 75 honorees were announced and celebrated on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the Philadelphia Hilton at Penn's Landing with several well-known keynote speakers. They are the highlight of the December issue of City & State Pennsylvania magazine, available at your local newsstand and digitally at this link: https://fliphtml5.com/bundy/owgw



The Campus Theatre, Lewisburg's historic Art Deco, singlescreen theatre, seeks applications for Executive Director. Scotta Magnelli, who has served as the head of the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that operates the theatre for the last five years, will be leaving the organization in mid-2024. "On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, our members, and our supportive community, I want to thank Scotta for her commitment to the theatre and the work she has done to help further our mission of delivering engaging, entertaining, and inclusive programming to the region," said Chris Baylor, President of The Campus Theatre Board of Directors. "Please join me in wishing her the best in future endeavors."

"I have truly enjoyed my time here," said Ms. Magnelli. "I love this theatre, my team, and the incredible community we serve. But I'm looking forward to new adventures. I will remain with the theatre as we transition to a new Executive Director."

Mr. Baylor noted the theatre's Board of Directors has established a search committee and is now accepting applications from candidates interested in the position. Interested candidates please send your cover letter to campustheatreedsearch@gmail.com or mail to The Campus Theatre, 413 Market Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

"We're looking for an energetic individual who has a passion for the arts and is ready to build on the foundation Scotta has helped to solidify," said Mr. Baylor. "We're well-positioned to grow our membership, increase our funding base, and welcome the community into our beautiful space for unique entertainment opportunities."

Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) has acquired Bradford Engineering Associates, Inc. (BEA). BEA is a small, privately held company based in Delaware County and their main office is located in Aston. BEA's core services are very similar to HRG's existing water and waste-

water service group with a specific

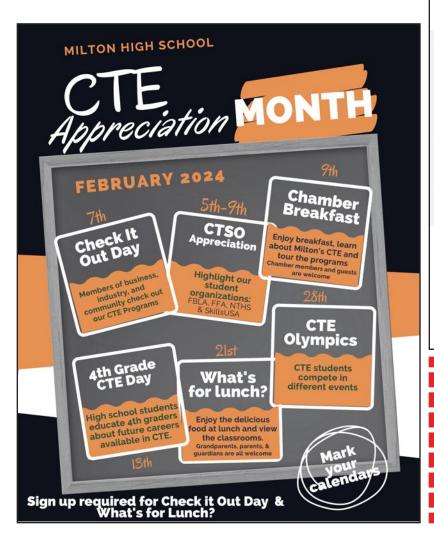


emphasis on Act 537 planning, pretreatment consulting, infiltration and inflow (I&I) studies, construction management, wastewater system design, and geographic information systems (GIS) development. BEA has a mixture of clients within both the municipally operated and private utility markets. As part of the acquisition, HRG has hired all previous BEA employees and will assume all BEA clients and projects within the region. BEA President, Walter Fazler, P.E. will work with HRG's King of Prussia leadership team including Corv Salmon and Lance Weatherly as part of the integration and growth strategy.

"I am very excited about this opportunity for both HRG and BEA. It's a simple way to bring the depth and expertise of a nationally recognized leader like HRG to an operation like BEA that has existing momentum and an established presence in the region. As with any acquisition, alignment of the firm's culture, core values, and commitment to quality are at the foundation of long-term success; we're excited about how similar we are in these areas. We've worked together on projects and have serviced clients as a team for several years now and we know what to expect from one another." said Fazler.













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Innovative Manufacturer's Center

CENTRAL, PA – The Innovative Manufacturers' Center (IMC), Inc. is thrilled to announce its recent recognition by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) as a SHRM Recertification General Provider. IMC is now authorized to offer Professional Development



Credits (PDCs) for SHRM-CP® or SHRM-SCP® recertification activities.

As a SHRM Recertification General Provider, IMC's SHRM approved training programs will qualify for SHRM Professional Development Credits. These credits are specifically designed to enhance HR knowledge and competency in alignment with the SHRM Body of Applied Skills and KnowledgeTM (the SHRM BASKTM).

Dennis Gilbert, President of IMC, expressed his enthusiasm about this recognition, stating, "IMC is excited that our approved training programs and events will be able to provide SHRM Professional Development Credits to our manufacturing clients. Small and mid-sized businesses, including manufacturing, face a special challenge in attracting, selecting, onboarding, engaging, and retaining workers today, and IMC continues to add programs and services to assist our clients in addressing these concerns, including our 5 Module webinar series, 'Meeting the HR Challenge."

IMC, a public-private partnership, is dedicated to enhancing Central Pennsylvania's manufacturing community through innovation, productivity, and profitable growth to drive economic impact. The center's experts collaborate with Central Pennsylvania manufacturers in various areas, including human resources, continuous improvement, quality assurance, product development, marketing, sales, and more.

Evangelical Community Hospital

LEWISBURG – Evangelical Community Hospital announces receipt of the Orthopaedic Center of Excellence Designation from DNV. This designation affirms an organization's excellence in the provision of diagnostic services, surgical services, and therapies related to orthopaedic care.



The designation is the only one of its kind given to a hospital in Pennsylvania.

"Evangelical Community Hospital's orthopaedic program has long had a reputation for providing consistent, high-quality care through the SUN Orthopaedics of Evangelical practice of providers, the Hospital's inpatient orthopaedic care post-surgery, and rehabilitation through Physical Therapy of Evangelical," said Kendra Aucker, President and CEO of Evangelical Community Hospital.

"It is through that close collaboration and caring for the whole patient on all levels that the Hospital can stand firm in our offerings of exceptional care for patients of the Greater Susquehanna Valley. This DNV designation affirms that we have the equipment, personnel, and training that makes us a

demonstrated leader in safe delivery of orthopaedic services and validates all the effort we put into enhancing and ensuring the health of our patients."

The DNV Orthopaedic Center of Excellence designation is obtained by achieving advanced certification in at least three (3) advanced orthopaedic programs. The DNV advanced orthopaedic requirement are informed by the guidelines and recommendations of organizations such as the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, the ERAS® Society, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, and relevant requirements of the CMS Conditions of Participation for Hospitals.

"Achieving designation shows a commitment to excellence," said Kelly Proctor, President of DNV Healthcare USA Inc. "It helps demonstrate to your community that you are performing at the highest level."

To learn more about orthopaedic care at Evangelical, visit www.EvanHospital.com/Ortho or call SUN Orthopaedics of Evangelical at 1-800-598-5096 to make an appointment.

Evangelical Community Hospital

LEWISBURG – Aubrey Alexander Toyota of Selinsgrove recently donated \$10,000 to the Thyra M. Humphreys Center for Breast Health at Evangelical Community Hospital in support of women's health programs and services.

Haykel Abrougui, General Manager of Aubrey Alexander Toyota, said he felt it was important to support a local cause. "Aubrey Alexander Toyota is proud to be part of this community and we know there are people in our region who could use help when it comes to addressing health issues. By making this donation, we know Evangelical will put it to good use, and that it will truly make a difference."

Abrougui said funds were raised during a four-week period in late 2023 through the sale of new cars. \$100 from every car sold went toward the fundraiser, and he added that this particular cause is a personal one for him. "In 2014, I lost my aunt to breast cancer at just 43 and it affected everyone around her. Making this contribution to the Thyra M. Humphreys Center for Breast Health will hopefully ensure that anyone who needs mammography can get the screenings that are so important to their health."

The Thyra M. Humphreys Center for Breast Health has a dedicated team of specialists who provide comprehensive care including screenings, diagnosis, and treatment for women. The care doesn't stop there, after diagnosis the Center offers survivors support through clinics, programs, and one-on-one attention with professionals trained to understand the psychological, physical, emotional, and social effects of a cancer diagnosis.

For more information about the Center for Breast Health and the services available, call 570-522-4200.



Did You Know?





2024 Schedule of Legislative Events

Did you know the Central PA Chamber of Commerce hosts Legislative Events with elected officials and public dignitaries who represent our state and region in Harrisburg and Washington DC on a quarterly basis?

Legislative Events provide an opportunity for Chamber members and the community-at-large to meet federal, state, and local elected officials, and to hear about issues affecting the community—especially



related to business and commerce.

Sponsoring these events also provides a platform for a Chamber member to address a large audience and gain publicity through print, digital, and social media like this IYB publication. Contact Membership and Finance Director, Jessica Beaver for complete details.

Legislative Events take place at the Watson Inn's Moon Room in Watsontown and begin with a breakfast buffet, specially prepared for the attendees. After some opening remarks and a brief presentation from the sponsor, the keynote speaker gives their remarks and takes your questions. There is always ample time to network. It is a nice way to start a Friday!

As you can see below, the four Legislative Events for 2024 are already scheduled and registration is open now for you to reserve your seats.





State Rep. Michael Stender (R-108)



7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23 @ Watson Inn, Watsontown

Topics to include: Perspective on Harrisburg & current issues from our region's newest representative.

Central PA Chamber Members - \$20; Non-Members - \$25 www.centralpachamber.com/events



Register by Friday, Feb. 9!





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Register by Friday, Aug. 30!



PA State Treasurer Stacy Garrity



7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1 @ Watson Inn, Watsontown
Topics to be announced.

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Register by Friday, Oct. 18!

Learn more about these upcoming Legislative Events in Jessica's Column on page 18.

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Hardcopies are available at the Weis Center and throughout the Susquehanna River Valley region including the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau, Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau, local Chambers of Commerce and local libraries.

The Weis Center's 2023-24 season is supported by the following season-level sponsors: Bucknell Sports Properties, The Daily Item, Seven Mountains Media, Sunbury Broadcasting Corporation and WVIA.

Event sponsors include Backyard Broadcasting, Bucknell Music Department Gallery Series, Martha and Alan Barrick, Centre Daily Times, Class of 1953 Fund, Coldwell Banker Penn One Real Estate, Columbia-Montour Visitors Bureau, Nancy and Sam Craig, Evangelical Community Hospital, Geisinger, Jazz at Bucknell, Clayton and David Lightman, Teri MacBride and Steve Guattery, The News Item, PPL Foundation, Press Enterprise, Asbury Riverwoods, Adriana Rojas and family in memory of Andrew, Service 1st Federal Credit Union, Gary and Sandy Sojka, Standard Journal, Stone State Entertainment, ViaMedia, Williamsport Sun Gazette, Karl Voss and Chanin Wendling family, PAHomepage/WBRE/WYOU, WNEP and WVIA.

Grant funding for the season includes Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Western Arts Alliance Advancing Indigenous Performance (AIP) Touring Fund and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Tickets are now available:

Weis Center Atrium

Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Elaine Langone Center, Campus Activities & Programs Center Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Campus Box Office opens one hour prior to performances at the performance location.

570-577-1000 or Bucknell.edu/BoxOffice

Note: All performances take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall, unless otherwise noted.

For more information about the Weis Center for the Performing Arts, go to Bucknell.edu/WeisCenter or search for the Weis Center on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.



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Legislative Events

The Central PA Chamber of Commerce plans quarterly Legislative Events. These events give you the opportunity to hear from officials who can update or inform you on various topics ranging from policies and legislation

that can affect your personal and professional life. You might remember them when they were held at the Country Cupboard, but now we have a new venue and the same great breakfast! Below are the details for each Legislative Event happening in 2024!

In February, we'll hear from our sponsor Intrada Technologies and keynote speaker Rep. Michael Stender. Intrada Technologies delivers strategic, innovative, efficient, and effective solutions with technology. Think of Intrada as an instant expansion of your IT Department. Rep. Stender will be giving you his perspective on Harrisburg as he is new to his role in the State House as well as informing you on current issues happening in our state government.

Next, in April we'll hear from our sponsor Fulton Bank and keynote speaker State Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver. Fulton Bank strives to deliver the best banking experience to their customers and prides themselves on the convenience of finding a branch or atm near you. Senator Schlegel-Culver has been a presence in our region for many years and shows her support to many of our local businesses. Even with her busy schedule she always makes time to meet and speak with the people of our region. Topics for this event will be added to our website soon.

September's breakfast is sponsored by The Wealth Factory and the keynote speaker State Rep. Joe Hamm. The Wealth Factory is an independent financial planning, investments and insurance for individuals and business - including employee benefit programs. State Rep. Hamm represents the 85th House District. He will be discussing the state budget, economy and inflation, and regulations and permits.

Finally, in November, hear from Service 1st Federal Credit Union and keynote speaker PA State Treasurer Stacy Garrity. Service 1st Federal Credit Union prides themselves on helping our region continue to grow by their generosity to nonprofits and charitable contributions. They truly are friends you can bank on. Treasurer Garrity is an Army Veteran and has served as Treasurer since 2021. Topics for this event will be announced at a later date.

All Legislative Events are held at the Watson Inn. Registration is open now, and you can go to www.centralpachamber.com to claim your seat. These events are open to the public and costs \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. We cannot wait to see you each quarter at the Watson Inn!

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Jessica Beaver Finance & Membership Director <u>ibeaver@centralpachamber.com</u>

Join us at an upcoming event! Visit: centralpachamber.com/events





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Realtor of the Year

LEWISBURG — Chris Coup, Associate Broker at The Coup Agency was recognized as the Central Susquehanna Valley Board of REALTORS® 2023 REALTOR® of the Year at a General Session Meeting on Wednesday January 24 at the Pine Barn Inn. The REALTOR® of the Year Award is the greatest honor bestowed upon a REALTOR® by their peers. The award is given to recognize and honor a REALTOR® for their outstanding work and commitment to the real estate industry, general public, local community, as well as family and friends. Coup was nominated by his fellow REALTORS® and selected by a panel of previous recipients of the award.

Rick Coup, Broker at The Coup Agency was also recognized at the same meeting as a REALTOR® Emeritus, which is bestowed upon a REALTOR® who has been a member of the Nation Association of REALTORS® for at least 40 years. Rick will mark the beginning of the 46th year, later this year.

The Coup Agency is a 4th Generation Real Estate and Insurance Agency with their main office located at 49 Broadway in Milton and they have recently relocated their Lewisburg Office location to the Lewisburg Professional Building at 23 N. Derr Dr. Suite 1 in Lewisburg.



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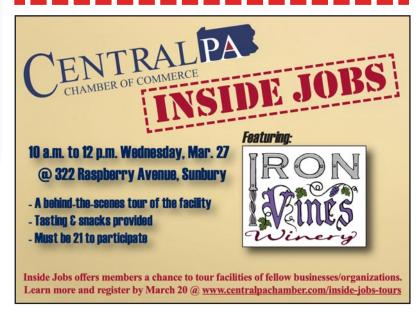


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Seminar & Training Series

What is the Central PA Chamber?

9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 6 Central PA Chamber of Commerce, 30 Lawton Lane, Milton Cost: FREE to Attend

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BREAKFAST BRIEFING

7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, March 15 @ the Central PA Chamber of Commerce 30 Lawton Lane, Milton.

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