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The Inside Scoop

Welcome to our April issue of IYB!

Finally, there are whispers of spring in the air! The Easter season is upon us and soon it will be Passover. That means it is time to look forward to spring and summer events with the Central PA Chamber!

Please refer to the next page for several important events on the Central PA Chamber calendar: the 23rd Annual Golf Tournament and Golf Ball Drop! return to the Bucknell Golf Club this June. If you are interested in golfing, volunteering, or sponsoring this event, please get in touch with us! We appreciate all your support of this fundraiser for our Business and Education Association.

Back by popular demand, we are thrilled to announce the second annual wine tour. Once again you'll be able to enjoy a chauffeured tour, courtesy of Susquehanna Valley Limousine, with stops at four Central PA Chamber member wineries. Some details are still forthcoming, so please stay tuned for registration specifics.

Finally, we are thrilled to host a special arts & crafts function, just in-time to treat your mom for Mother's Day!

On page four you can read about our upcoming Raising the Board class. This is the class to take if you are currently serving or interested in serving on a board of directors. It's a great source of information and confidence booster so you can stand out in the boardroom!

We also highlight everyone's favorite Chamber function: Breakfast Briefings for this month's "Did You Know?" on page 11 and 18.

Happy reading and hope to see you at the next event!

Ryan Workman, Editor Communications Director rworkman@centralpachamber.com

The President's Club

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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.

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.

> May Digital Issue News & Ads due by April 19

June Digital Issue **News & Ads** due by May 17

July Digital Issue News & Ads due by June 14

*IYB Quarterly is published four times a year. Copies are available at public member locations across the region.

Spring & Summer Highlights

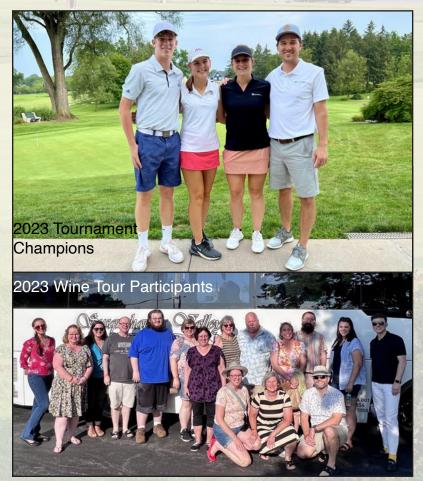


Spend a day at Bucknell Golf Club with the Central PA Business & Education Association! Our largest fundraiser of the year will be held on Friday, June 28 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Lunch will be held before tee off, beginning at 11 a.m.

Registration Includes: green fees, goodie bag, on-course beverages/snacks, lunch and awards for contest winners.

Immediately before the tournament, as many as 1,000 specially numbered golf balls will be dropped onto the practice green near the clubhouse.





The first three golf balls (in order) to hole out – or be the closest – to the designated hole are the winners! First place receives 25% of the pot/2nd place – 10%/3rd place – 5%.

The cost to take part in the Golf Ball Drop! is \$10 per golf ball, which are specially numbered for the event. You may register here, or see a Central PA Chamber staff member or designated volunteer for tickets.

You do not need to play in the golf tournament or be present to win. Winners will be notified after the contest, and arrangements will be made for check presentations.

Visit www.centralpachamber.com/events for full details.



Susquehanna Valley Limousine will provide transportation for a tour of four Central PA Chamber member wineries: Neighbor Lady Vino in New Columbia, Fero Vineyards in Lewisburg, Whispering Oaks Vineyard in Sunbury, and Iron Vines Winery also in Sunbury. More details, special offerings, and registration are forthcoming. Stay tuned!



Lessons from the Boardroom

MILTON – The next Raising the Board class is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 29 at the Central PA Chamber. From 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. four subject matter experts (SMEs, pictured) will provide instruction, offer real-world experience, and put into practice the lessons they've learned from serving on corporate and non-profit boards. The lesson plan, class materials, and presentations are a unique, in-house crafted course for those who currently serve, or are interested in serving as board members, particularly non-profit boards.

For \$99, participants will take part in nearly seven hours of instruction, covering 15 topics, enjoy a luncheon provided by Watson Inn, and receive course materials in a binder provided by A+ Office Supply.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this course, please call Ryan Workman: 570-742-7341 or e-mail rworkman@centralpachamber.com



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Find New Members & Membership Renewals starting on page 8.





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We believe strongly in community involvement and support as well as interacting with other local businesses.

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

We utilize our peers that are part of the chamber, we try use chamber members whenever we need goods or services in the local community.

Want to appear in the Member Spotlight? E-mail Jessica Beaver: <u>jbeaver@centralpachamber.com</u>



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How long has your organization existed? Spotlight PA was founded in 2019 as an independent, nonpartisan newsroom dedicated to high-quality investigative and public-service journalism about the Pennsylvania state government and urgent statewide issues.

What makes your organization unique in your industry?

Spotlight PA focuses on driving meaningful change. Our work is supported by more than a dozen foundations and thousands of individuals throughout PA. All of Spotlight

PA's public service journalism is available at no cost. Subscribers can sign up for free to receive four different newsletters at spotlightpa.org/newsletters. Learn more at spotlightpa.org/events. We are now republished in over 100 media outlets (including many in Central PA) – the largest distribution network of its kind in the U.S.

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

Although Spotlight PA covers the entire state, we feel it is important to foster connections and relationships within each

of our local communities. Michelle Mertz, the director of individual and corporate giving, lives in Lewisburg and thinks the Chamber is an important community asset in the same way that Spotlight PA is.

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

Attending networking events, making new connections, and helping to build awareness of the vital importance of Spotlight PA for the immediate and long term future of Pennsylvania.



How long has your business existed? We're Currently celebrating 65 years in business. The business started as Thomas H. Ross Inc., back in 1958.

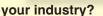
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Why are you a member of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce?

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able resource hub. With an unwavering commitment to fostering economic growth and prosperity, the Chamber tirelessly champions the interests of its members.

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

We enjoy the ability to network with other businesses within the region.

What's Happening



First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania Regional Fundraising Event Raises Over \$2.34 Million

WILLIAMSPORT – The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) in collaboration with the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships, hosted Raise the Region 2024 on March 13 and 14, to help the communities of Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga, and Union counties support local nonprofit fundraising efforts. North Central Pennsylvania showed its true spirit of philanthropy by donating \$2,343,179 to 350 nonprofit organizations. The 30-hour online fundraiser had thousands of donors make 15,249 gifts. Since starting in 2013, Raise the Region has collectively received over \$19 million in donations for the benefit of local nonprofit organizations.

"Raise the Region continues to highlight the philanthropic spirit of our communities," said Jennifer D. Wilson, President & CEO. "The staff and board of directors at FCFP are grateful to the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships and the many sponsors that make this event possible. Additionally, we congratulate the record-breaking number of nonprofits that participated and achieved success through this platform."

In addition to the over \$1.98 million in online public donations, the participating nonprofits benefited from \$358,582 in stretch funds and prizes from the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships and associate sponsors. Monetary prizes and incentives sponsored by Evergreen Wealth Solutions, First Citizens Community Bank, KC101 Radio, Larson Design Group, Pennsylvania Skill by Miele Manufacturing, Subaru, Toyota Motor Corporation, UPMC, UPMC Health Plan, and Weis Markets were awarded throughout the day to more than 115 participating nonprofit organizations. Nonprofits were divided into three categories based on their size allowing more organizations to receive prizes. To view a full list of the prize and incentive results, visit: www.raisetheregion.org/prizes

Aubrey Alexander said, "In an economy that's a little slower than last year, nevertheless Raise the Region always amazes me. I was optimistic but never thought we would beat last year's record. Congrats to all the nonprofits and thanks to FCFP for the professional and well executed event!"

FCFP works to improve the quality of life in North Central Pennsylvania through community leadership, the promotion of philanthropy, the strengthening of nonprofit impact and the perpetual stewardship of charitable assets. FCFP strives to create powerful communities through passionate giving®.





LEWISBURG – In partnership with The Parkinson and Movement Disorder Alliance (PMD Alliance), the Lewisburg YMCA hosts Renew! Retreat!® Sunday, April 14, at the Lewisburg YMCA, 120 Hardwood Drive, Lewisburg, PA. This event is specifically for those affected by Parkinson's disease and their loved ones. Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurodegenerative disease in the world, outpacing even Alzheimer's (Michaud, 2023).

Registration will begin at 9 AM and the program will be from 10 AM to 2 PM. Attendees can expect to see local healthcare professionals, government agencies, and industry partners, all who aim to improve the lives of those living with Parkinson's.

Lori DePorter, Parkinson's Educator at the Lewisburg YMCA, said, "Attendees are welcome alone or with their loved ones. Care partners are important to one's journey, and the Renew! Retreat program aims to be a fun and free in-person workshop that will be a safe and empowering space to learn, share, connect with peers, and ask your most pressing questions of experts."

Local organizations that have already committed to attend include Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning, Evangelical Community Hospital, The Creative Space in Selinsgrove, and local Parkinson's artists.

Registration is required to attend this free event and can be done online at

https://events.blackthorn.io/en/2EmH006/g/Mf07h54y62/renew-retreatr-lewisburg-pa-5a224UvNTyP/overview.

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

Evangelical Community Hospital Schedules April Support Groups

LEWISBURG – Evangelical Community Hospital has scheduled its roster of support groups for the month of April.

Bariatric: Wednesday, April 3, 6-7 pm. This month's topic: Surgery description and video. Participants should meet at Surgical Specialists of Evangelical Lobby, 25 Lystra Rogers Drive, Lewisburg.

Empty Arms: Monday, April 22, 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.



The DACC Inspire & Transform: Changing Lives Events Supported by the Degenstein Foundations

DANVILLE – The Danville Area Community Center has launched a series of inspiring and informative lectures. These will focus on adolescent emotional health, healthy lifestyles, fitness, mindfulness, reducing stress, overall wellness, and overcoming trauma.

DACC Inspire & Transform: Changing Lives Events Supported by the Degenstein Foundations began March 5, funds raised support the DACC's STEM education programs, our outdoor education programs, and our free and reduced cost memberships for children and families, including individuals living at the Gatehouse, Danville, Pa.

The series is in search of many levels of sponsorship. We are grateful for the support of the Degenstein Foundations, and we are in search of more financial supporters. All levels of financial support are open. All donors will be prominently recognized with news releases, social media, and other established forms of publicity.



Lindig Lewisburg Foundation Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania Grant Supports Arts Council's 2024 Music in the Park Concerts

LEWISBURG – The Lewisburg Arts Council is pleased to announce the award of a \$2,000 grant from the Lindig Lewisburg Foundation Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

Funding from this grant will help cover costs of this summer's Music in the Park concert series. This summertime favorite returns to downtown Lewisburg to the recently-renovated Hufnagle Park, taking advantage of the brand-new Event Venue there.

This year's summer series will offer one performance each month, at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of June, July, and August.

On Wednesday, June 5, our friends and neighbors from Riverstage will preview selections from their summer musical, "Oliver!" The Penn Central Wind Band's patriotic-themed concert, which will be held on July 3, is always a crowd-pleasing hit. And, in a nod to the 55th anniversary of Woodstock, the summer's final concert on Wednesday, August 7, will feature The Folk Justice Band.

The Lewisburg Arts Council hopes you will join us in thanking the Lindig Lewisburg Foundation Fund for making this year's concert series possible. By coming together to enjoy the gift of music, we honor the generosity and community-minded spirit of the late Charles F. Lindig.

In his will, Mr. Lindig set aside a portion of his estate for the benefit of projects directed towards the religious, charitable, educational, cultural, recreational or economic welfare of the Borough of Lewisburg. He wanted this fund to serve as a living memorial to his grandparents, Charles F. Lindig and Sarah Bobb Lindig and to his parents, Fred W. Lindig and Nettie Walter Lindig. According to his will, he did this, "In grateful appreciation of the opportunities accorded to my family by the Community of Lewisburg."

Date	Event	Location	Time	Cost
4/18/24	Understanding Costs and Profits for Manufacturing Supervisors	Penn College Dept. 32 1 College Avenue, Williamsport	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	\$189.00
5/8/24	Supply Chain 101	Virtual Series	12:00 p.m.	Free
6/5-6/24	ISO 9001:2015 Internal Auditor Training	Virtual Series	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	\$595.00



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Welcome to OBFB where friendship comes free and we have SO much fun creating the delicious creations y'all order! We are Bethany & Melissa and we are the two girls behind the newest home bakery in Mifflinburg! We were inspected in October of 2023 and promptly opened the very next day to take your orders! We have grown SO much over the past months and we just want to THANK YOU for being here, helping us make our dreams come true! We love meeting you and being recognized as the bakery girls when we are out and about, and we are always happy to hear any questions/comments! As always, thanks for supporting our small business, and we look forward to letting you in on some BIG changes happening soon, as well as quite the busy line up we have scheduled for the year!





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Register for these and other upcoming events @

www.centralpachamber.com/events

BREAKFAST BRIEFING

7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, Jun. 14 @ the Central PA Chamber of Commerce 30 Lawton Lane, Milton.

Members - FREE; Non-members - \$7

Register by Jun. 7 @ centralpachamber.com/events

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10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May. 22 @ 47 Susque Camp Road, Trout Run

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- Wear appropriate footware for walking outdoors/grass
- Lunch provided

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Inside Jobs offers members a chance to tour facilities of fellow businesses/organizations. Learn more and register by May 15 @ www.centralpachamber.com/inside-jobs-tours

Membership Renewals

(As of Mar. 28, 2024)

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Like many Americans, you may wonder how election outcomes affect financial markets; or, wonder whether you should change your strategy based on election results.

JOIN US: Wednesday, April 24th at The Central PA Chamber Smith Room - 30 Lawton Lane, Milton, PA Doors open at 5pm; Seminar begin at 5:30pm Pasta Dinner and Salad will be served.

Space is limited for this free dinner seminar! Call us to register at 570-743-1025 no later than Wednesday, April 12th.

Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. Part performance is not a guarantee of future results. Investors should understand the risked involved in owning investments, including interest rate risk, credit risk, and market risk. The value of investments fluctuates, and investors can lose some or all of their principal.

Time with Tea Jay

We're Here for Your Business, and Your Mental Health, Too!

Next month is Mental Health Awareness month. The Central PA Chamber is hosting a Seminar to bring attention to this much needed misunderstood topic on Friday, May 10, 2024. Details and registration available at www.centralpachamber.com/events or call 570 742 7341.

Mental health is something many people struggle with daily, but are afraid to seek help for fear of being labeled as crazy, unfit, or incapable, and therefore they suffer in silence. Mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well, work well, and contribute to their family and community.

Some signs of poor mental health can be feeling sad, confusion, inability to concentrate, excessive fears and worries, extreme feelings of guilt, withdrawal from friends, low energy, trouble sleeping, stress, trouble relating to people, major eating habit changes, suicidal thoughts and more. Most mental health issues don't improve on their own, and if untreated, may get worse over time and cause serious problems. Those at risk for mental health issues may have experienced stressful life situations, have an ongoing medical condition, had traumatic experiences, history of childhood abuse or neglect, limited healthy relationships and more.

Mental health issues are common. It is said that about 1 in 5 adults have a mental health issue in any given year. It can begin at any age, from childhood through later adulthood. The effects of mental health issues can be temporary or long lasting. Mental health issues are the leading cause of disability. Left untreated can cause severe emotional, behavioral, and physical health problems.

There are no sure ways to prevent mental health issues. However, taking steps to control stress, to increase your resilience, and to boost low selfesteem may help keep symptoms under control. The first step is to acknowledge the issue and seek help. Don't allow shame or fear to keep you from seeking help and living your best life. Self-care is critical.

Recently, there was a story about me in the local newspaper—nothing out of the ordinary for my role at the Chamber. However, what did happen a few days after the story was published, allowed me to write this column. A longtime former member of the Central PA Chamber sent me an email congratulating me on the article, and said this: "I loved the article about you in yesterday's Valley Life section of The Daily Item, especially your own honest words that were quoted. The word, REAL, always comes to mind when I think of you."

Let me be REAL with YOU now: I've allowed myself to overcome the fear of seeking help and addressing my mental health issues (depression and anxiety) several years ago. It was so hard for me to speak the words of my mental health struggles to my primary physician that I wrote a note and handed it to her at my appointment. To say I am "cured" is not accurate; but to say I am living my best life with accepting my struggle and my triggers, taking my daily medication, learning to self-love and perform self-care. To realize that I am a child of God and there is NO SHAME in that.

> Please, if you are facing mental health struggles seek help and know you can lean on me.

> > Tea Jay Aikey President & CEO

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Make Your Pitch



Thank you to everyone who participated in the "How to Deliver a Great Elevator Pitch" Seminar & Training Series Event on Tuesday, March 19, at the Central PA Chamber. Senior students at Meadowbrook Christian School also received the presentation and tried out their pitches as a class on Monday, March 25.

You have several opportunities to take this class throughout the year. Next up, this May, the class will take place at The Wealth Factory in Muncy, followed by additional classes at the Central PA Chamber in August and November.





9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 14 In-Person @ the Wealth Factory 21 Kristi Road Suite 1, Muncy Cost: \$10 Member / \$15 Non-Member Register by May 7:



www.centralpachamber.com/events

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CENTRAL PA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Did You Know? BREAKFAST BRIEFINGS:

- Monthly 7:30 9:00 a.m. networking breakfasts held at the Central PA Chamber's Smith Room or an off-site venue—free to members, \$7 for non-members.
 - Increase your knowledge of both the Central PA Chamber and fellow members.
 - Deliver your elevator pitch and meet new clients/customers/volunteers...
 - · Limited to 30 attendees per breakfast.
 - Sponsors receive loads of pre & post event publicity!
- Off-site Breakfast Briefings are a great opportunity
 to show-off your facility!







Thank you for joining us at A+ Office Supply & the 19th Hole for Ribbon Cutting ceremonies in March. Register to attend these upcoming events:





Members Recognized

RE/MAX Bridges

LEWISBURG — Ann Hilliard, broker/owner of RE/MAX Bridges in Lewisburg was ranked 30th among 2,700 RE/MAX real estate agents for sales performance in the corporation's annual Pennsylvania Top 100 listing for 2023.

She also earned a second-place RE/MAX statewide ranking for total commissions earned during December.



She has been working in the Central Susquehanna Valley's residential and commercial real estate industry for more than 30 years. She currently serves as a member of the New Member Orientation Committee and as secretary/treasurer for the Central Susquehanna Valley Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

In addition to her work in the real estate industry, Hilliard and her firm actively support programs for local elementary school students who face food insecurity or need books and supplies, Little League softball, Boy Scouts of America and the Children's Miracle Network at the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville. In 2023, the Susquehanna Council of the Boy Scouts of America presented her with their Distinguished Citizen Award.

Hilliard founded the locally owned and operated RE/MAX Bridges office in 2017. A total of seven licensed agents now work at the firm, located at 2006 W. Market St., Lewisburg.

Service 1st Federal Credit Union

DANVILLE — Service 1st Federal Credit Union recently wel-

comed Jeff Shaffer to the team as its new Marketing Manager.

Shaffer brings along nearly 20 years of experience in communications, public relations and marketing.

"We are excited to welcome Jeff to the Service 1st team," said Colleen Phillips, Vice President Marketing, Service 1st. "As we continue to grow, his expertise in com-

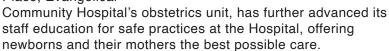


munications and marketing will help us manage the ever-expanding channels we use to raise awareness about the benefits of credit union membership, ultimately, helping more members, their families and their businesses achieve their financial goals."

Shaffer is responsible for directing and coordinating the day-to-day activities of the Marketing Department to accomplish the goals set forth in the credit union's strategic plan. He oversees the implementation of marketing and public relations promotions and campaigns, ensuring successful execution and measured results. This is across the various forms of media Service 1st uses to reach members and prospective members alike.

"I feel honored and privileged to use my collective experiences here at Service 1st, which already has a stellar reputation across Central and Northeastern PA," Shaffer said. "I look forward to being a part of its continued growth for years to come." Evangelical
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LEWISBURG, PA THE FAMILY PLACI

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The Family Place staff members completed the three necessary phases of the PA Sleep Program to be one of the more than 30 hospitals in Pennsylvania who educate mothers on safe infant sleep practices.

The PA Safe Sleep program was created specifically to combat sleep-related deaths of infants in Pennsylvania. Based on guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the program is evidence-based and works with staff on quality improvement, Safe Sleep Nursing policies, training as Subject Matter Experts, data collection interactive staff education, and patient education materials. The Family Place clinical nurses have all received the necessary training to become subject matter experts, assisting patients with the ABC's of safe sleep—babies should always be placed to sleep ALONE, on their BACK, and in their own CRIB.

The Family Place also received the Quality Improvement Award from the Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PA PQC), which is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and administered by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation. To earn the award, The Family Place successfully completed five milestones demonstrating how The Family Place is implementing best practices and using data to improve care for pregnant and post-partum women with substance use.

The Family Place has been an active participant with the PA PQC since its inception in 2019. In 2021, The Family Place received its first Quality Improvement Award and has continued to meet the necessary milestones to earn additional awards in the following quarters. The most recent awards were earned by meeting milestones for the period of July 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023. Evangelical is one of 63 birth hospitals/NICUs across the Commonwealth striving to complete these milestones and earn this PA PQC recognition.

The milestones included completing a PA PQC learning session, submission of Quality Improvement Report Out showing work related to implementing key interviews, completing a quarterly survey, submitting necessary aggregated data on process and outcome measures, and communicating the team's impact for patient internally and to the community.

As a result, The Family Place has been awarded \$10,000 to further support efforts to build the care team's infrastructure for improving the identification of and care for pregnant and post-partum individuals with substance use and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

For more information on The Family Place, visit www.EvanHospital.com/TheFamilyPlace.



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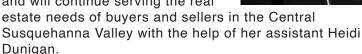
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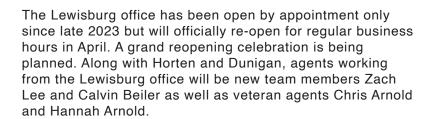
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Bowen Agency Realtors

SELINSGROVE – Kristine M Horten, agent at Bowen Agency Realtors in Selinsgrove recently obtained her Associate Broker's license and has been promoted to the position of Office Manager of the Lewisburg office.

Horten has been a top producing agent with the company since 2017 and will continue serving the real





Says Horten, "The amount of support and encouragement I've received over the past months from (Broker and President) Larry Johnson and the rest of the Bowen team has reiterated to me that I'm exactly where I belong. I am looking forward to this new chapter in my career." Larry Johnson says, "Kristine's work ethic and people skills combined with her success in the business will make her a great leader for our Lewisburg office."



DANVILLE – Community Giving Foundation: Danville will honor the 2024 recipient of the Robert N. Pursel Award for "Neighbor of the Year" during the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Event (formerly "Holiday Happenings") on Saturday, April 20th at the Pine Barn Inn. The event benefits the Neighbors Helping Neighbors endowment fund at the



Foundation, which supports unmet needs in the Danville community by granting to nonprofit organizations making a difference right here. Tickets for the event are on sale now at csgiving.org/neighbors.

The event committee is pleased to announce Bob Stoudt as the 2024 recipient of the Robert N. Pursel Award. Through his leadership of the Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) and his vast volunteer service, Stoudt is a valued

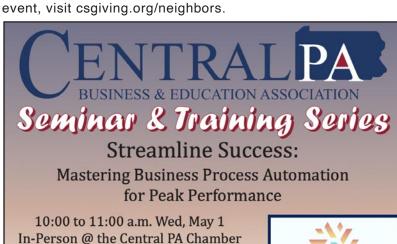
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fixture in the Danville community. Since assuming the role of MARC Director in 2010, the organization has grown under Stoudt's leadership to manage multiple park and trail properties in Montour and Columbia Counties. Stoudt and his team have worked to significantly expand Montour County's outdoor recreation opportunities, including: operating the Montour Preserve since 2015 (in partnership with Talen Energy); construction of the concrete skatepark at the Hess Recreation Area; construction of more than eleven miles of mountain biking trails at the Hopewell Park/Danville Borough Farm Trail System (in partnership with the Central Susquehanna Hammers Interscholastic Mountain Biking Team and others); development of the Danville Riverfront and Open Space Master Plan (in partnership with the Danville Business Alliance); organizing and directing numerous races and special events; and many other projects.

Stoudt's commitment to volunteerism in the community has led to his involvement with: Montour County Emergency Management Agency; Central Pennsylvania Drone Response Team; Community Giving Foundation: Danville; Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce; SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization; SEDA-COG Middle Susquehanna Active Transportation Committee; Danville Heritage Festival Committee; Going Gold Committee; Montour County Recreation Authority; Columbia Montour Partnership for Community Development; Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau; Warrior Run Community Corporations Pathways Committee; Friends of Allegheny Wilderness; Friends of Milton State Park; SEDA-Foundation; Watsontown Borough Parks Renovation Committee; Western Pennsylvania Conservancy; and the Boy Scouts of America.

Stoudt grew up near Turbotville and graduated from Warrior Run High School in 1991. After attending Bloomsburg University and Indiana State University, he moved back to Watsontown in 2002. His wife, Becky, is a CRNA and Geisinger's Associate Dean of Nursing Student Education. They currently live in Liberty Township, Montour County, with their three children.

For a full biography of Bob Stoudt, a list of previous Pursel Award recipients, and more information about the April 20th event, visit csqiving.org/neighbors.



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Registration Required: Including name, DOB, credentials, and best contact information.

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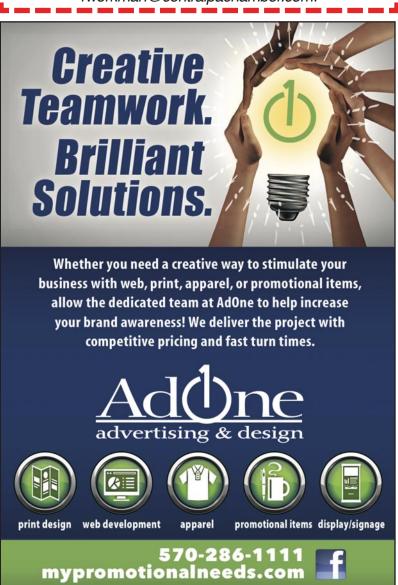
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Jessica's Jottings

There's More to Breakfast Briefings Than Just Breakfast!

Hello, to April IYB Readers. This month our "Did You Know" feature is Breakfast Briefings.

The Central PA Chamber of Commerce has been hosting Breakfast Briefings for many years with variations to the program happening each year to make them better for our members and prospective members. In this column, I would like to help you understand the two different briefings we hold now, and why you should consider attending—or even hosting one!

In 2024, the Central PA Chamber will be hosting eight on-site Breakfast Briefings. On-site means they are held at our location of 30 Lawton Lane, Milton PA. Each breakfast requires a business/organization sponsor. These sponsors get the opportunity to address the attendees and other benefits. Breakfasts are limited to 30 attendees; this gives plenty of time for everyone to deliver their 28 second "Elevator Pitch" to all in attendance. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network while they are enjoying their hot breakfast and again after the event has concluded. This gives them the chance to exchange business cards and even set up meetings to collaborate.

The Chamber will also be holding four off-site Breakfast Briefings this year too. These events give the opportunity for sponsors to host 30 attendees at their business/organization location. Hosts of these briefings need to have the space to accommodate thirty guests and provide breakfasts for all who attend as well. Hosts have 5 minutes at the beginning of the program to speak to the attendees and at the conclusion of the event offer a tour of their facility. Our most recent off-site breakfast was at the Milton Area High School where attendees got to visit their CTE Programs and meet the students that participate in them.

Breakfast Briefings are open to the Central PA Chamber members and to businesses/organizations that have not yet joined the Chamber. Registering for any of these events is a must as they sell out quickly! Remember you can send anyone from your staff and team to these events!

If you are interested in sponsoring a Breakfast Briefing, contact me to give you more information on the benefits and requirements. All 2024 Breakfasts have been spoken for, but I will have 2025 dates later this year.

All Breakfasts for 2024 are on the Chamber website and you can register now for any of them throughout the year! We look forward to having breakfast with you and learning more about your business/organization!

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Jessica Beaver Finance & Membership Director jbeaver@centralpachamber.com

Learn more about Breakfast Briefings & how to host them here: centralpachamber.com/membership/benefits/

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Chamber Blood Drive



Blood Drive

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday, May 30 @
Central PA Chamber of Commerce,
30 Lawton Lane, Milton

To make an appointment, call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit redcrossblood.org. Use code "PAchamber".





Breakfast Briefing



Thank you to everyone who joined us for a Breakfast Briefing on Friday, March 15 with sponsor, Service 1st Federal Credit Union. Assistant Vice President for the Lewisburg Market, Rachael Herb discussed member benefits, focusing on Employer Group Benefits, and in particular, employee financial education and wellness.

The capacity crowd enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by our very own Jessica Beaver, had the opportunity to deliver our elevator pitches, and of course, network.



Although our April Breakfast Briefing is already sold-out, you can join us in May by registering here:

https://centralpachamber.com/events/breakfast-briefing-93/

BREAKFAST BRIEFING

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