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The Chamber View

Jason Fink, President/CEO

July has just flown by and it looks like August could be a blur as well. At the beginning of the month, I was part of a group that included county and city officials that headed to Washington DC to continue the push in having the US Army Corps take responsibility for their share of the roughly \$12m to recertify the local levee system. We met with White House officials from the Office of Budget and US Army Corps. To be honest, that wasn't the best meeting as we still heard from the Army Corps that they're still not convinced that this is their responsibility.

Let me provide a point of information on why we're talking to Army Corps about funding for the levee. When the Army Corps builds a levee, they pay for the entire project but turn over all operational and maintenance responsibility to the local community to pay. That's why out of the \$12m we're expecting to need to cover about \$8m. However, there's a portion of the repairs that are considered a structural deficiency which was done when the Corps initially built the levee. There are two I-Walls along Lycoming Creek near Memorial Avenue that are the main issue that we contend is the Corps' responsibility. The remaining sections of the levee were constructed using the proper technology which are called T-Walls. Will save you

going into the engineering of a levee but if you want more detail, feel free to go online and you'll find all the information about it.

Anyway, the base situation that we're dealing with is that US Army Corps is not taking responsibility for the portion of the repairs that is their responsibility and we're not going to let them off the hook for this one. The cost to repair the structural deficiencies is around \$4m. However, US Army Corps would only need to pay about \$2.6m of that since there's a state grant program that will cover the rest of it.

While in DC, we also met with Congressman Fred Keller, and staff from both Senator Casey's and Toomey's offices. Congressman Keller is very understanding of the issue and brought in an aide from another Congressman's office who is chairing an effort to get funding in place for levees across the country. Senator Casey's staffer was new to our efforts but was attentive to the details we provided. Our last meeting was the most helpful though in our discussions with Senator Toomey's staffer. We've met with him previously and he shared that he's met with Army Corps staff on three separate occasions in trying to address our issue. He provided us with great insight as to the faulty reasoning the Corp is using to deflect their addressing this for

our community. With that knowledge we are putting together a strategy that will hopefully put to rest this issue and get Army Corps on board to take care of the structural deficiency associated with our levee.

Looking ahead to August, it definitely is an active time for us here in Lycoming County. It starts off with the first weekend up at the Loyalsock Valley Antique Machinery Show and wraps up with the Drum Corps World Championships. In between there's a whole host of activities going on here in our community. August 6th is National Night Out which is a great opportunity for all residents and businesses to get to better know their neighbors to keep a watchful eye out on their part of the community. August 8th and 9th is the celebration of the 50th anniversary of public transportation here in our area. Bill Nichols and his team at River Valley Transit provide a great service to those needing transportation services and will be highlighting this milestone with various activities culminating with Midtown Men at the Community Arts Center on August 9th. Also on August 9th is the annual Bottles and Brew event at the Thomas T. Taber Museum which I can personally attest to is one of the best community beer tastings in the area. The following week the Little League World Series kicks

off with the Grand Slam Parade on the 14th and with the start of games the next day. Williamsport Welcomes the World is the following week on August 23rd and we head into Championship weekend on August 24th and 25th. The Chamber will be hosting through funding assistance from the First Community Foundation and Lycoming Economic Development Foundation our third year of hosting site consultants for a familiarization tour of Lycoming County. This is something we do in partnership with the Department of Community and Economic Development at the state and provides us to meet

one-on-one with those that play a key role in determining site locations for industry looking to expand or relocate. After closing out Little League, we quickly switch over our welcome messages to greet the corps and fans of the Drum Corps World Championships that will be taking place. In addition to all of that, you've got students coming back to both Lycoming and Penn Colleges along with students going back to school. And I know there's got to be even more that wasn't even mentioned. All is good though so hopefully you'll find something that is of interest to get you out of the house in August.

Mark Your Calendar!

- August 6th - National Night Out
- August 8th and 9th - the celebration of the 50th anniversary of public transportation
- August 9th - Midtown Men performing at the CAC
- August 9th - the annual Bottles and Brew event at the Thomas T. Taber Museum
- August 14th - Grand Slam Parade
- August 15th - Start of the Little League World Series
- August 23rd - Williamsport Welcomes the World
- August 24th and 25th - Championship Weekend

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“We are so excited to be part of the Williamsport/Lycoming and Montoursville Chambers of Commerce and to be able to host this PM Exchange. We are the Natural Healing Center of Williamsport and we are excited to be part of the “Your CBD Store” affiliate program. Bring your questions, concerns and interest about hemp and CBD and we will be here, doing our best, to provide any insight that we have!

PLEASE NOTE: This PM is replacing the previously cancelled Pace Analytical Services (Seewald Labs)

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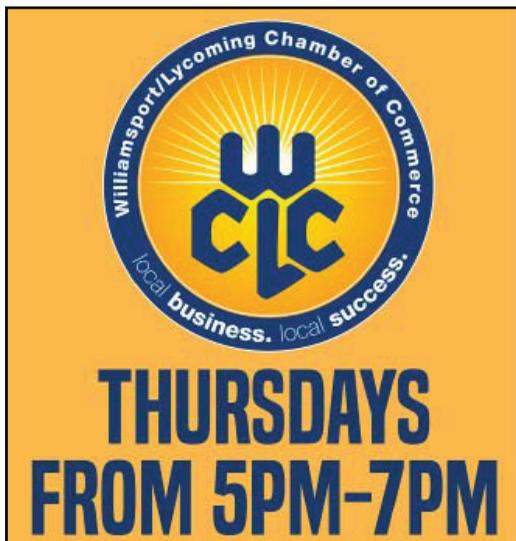
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September PM Exchanges...

Hampton Inn
Thursday, September 12, 2019
5:00 – 7:00 pm
140 Via Bella, Williamsport

BNG Aesthetics
Thursday, September 26, 2019
5:00 – 7:00 pm
24 West Fourth Street, Williamsport

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Do you have a new business, location or special occasion for your company?

Are you interested in a ribbon cutting or open house?

Contact Taryn Mueller at the Chamber of Commerce for more information at 570-320-4209 or tmueller@williamsport.org

For a complete list of upcoming Chamber events, visit www.williamsport.org

PM Exchanges

Susquehanna Oral & Facial Surgery & Dental Implant Center



Thank you to Susquehanna Oral & Facial Surgery & Dental Implant Center for inviting Chamber members to enjoy a pig roast at their recent PM Exchange. Guests had the opportunity to network with friends and indulge in delicious food catered by Farrington Place. Accepting the certificate is Physician/Owner Dr. Marc Rosenthal presented by Trey Phillips, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Development & Retention Committee.

Natural Waterscapes



Thank you to Natural Waterscapes for inviting the Chamber members to your PM Exchange. Everyone enjoyed delicious food and beautiful weather for an evening outside by the pond. (from left to right) Jon Klotz, President, Natural Waterscapes; Heather Newhart, Office Manager, Natural Waterscapes; & Jennifer Neuhard Rempe, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Membership Development and Retention Committee.

Ribbon Cuttings

Treasure Castle Playland's 10 Year Anniversary!



Congratulations Treasure Castle Playland on your 10-year anniversary celebration at 1414 West Southern Avenue, South Williamsport. The facility provides an indoor Children's Playland with softplay unit, rock wall, toddler area, food court, family gaming and private party rooms. (left to right) Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Ross Flerlege as Alladin, Genesis Lukasiewicz as Jasmine, Sharon Markle, Owner; Brenda Lukasiewicz, Director; Ethan Fields as the Genie and Tanya Weber, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Membership Development and Retention Committee.

Dohl General Construction, LLC



Congratulations to Jason Dohl on the ribbon cutting of Dohl General Construction, LLC's new office located at 32 North Main Street in Hughesville. (from l to r) Jason Fink, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Jason Dohl, President, Dohl General Construction, Graden Dohl & Zoe Dohl, official ribbon cutters; Karen Dohl; Trey Phillips of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Membership Development and Retention Committee.

LEGACY MEMBER

United Way focuses on helping more people each year

By **MALLORIE McILWAIN**
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Since starting in 1922, the Lycoming County United Way has been serving and funding community based programs that focus on a multitude of issues that impact our community on a daily basis. Ron Frick, CEO and President, alongside Brittany Fischer, vice president community impact, work to serve Lycoming, Tioga and Sullivan counties creating opportunities for programs to positively impact health, health education, and financial stability for citizens in the community.

“United Way is an umbrella organization,” Frick said. “It deals with the most critical human service needs, working through community partners. Our goal is to fight for health, health education and financial stability for every person in the community.”

In the close community of Lycoming county, there are 27 different programs being funded though UW and the programs are being delivered through 23 different organizations.

“Specific to this area, there are programs stemming from emergency situations for shelter purposes,” Fischer said. “For women coming out of abusive situations, all the way down to education items where we work in early education with child care programs.”

Other programs exist at local libraries and within local schools that are all community impact and or health based. The money that is donated to the United Way is directly

given to said programs to provide the program with the resources they need. The investment doesn't go through the organization or agency.

“I think that's what sets us apart; when people are wondering what is the value of giving to us (United Way) that we are administering their money to that program not the agency,” Fischer said. “Knowing that our money is directly impacting how that program operates: without us there's a chance that some of them would not be available as resources in the community.”

“Generally it's through mobilizing community resources, community partners, marketing assets, whatever it takes to mobilize the existing resources in the community to improve people's lives or to create new resources if they don't already exist,” Frick said.

The United Way has a new energy and goal to continue to help more people in the community each year by funding more programs and giving back as much as they can.

“We have a new staff, a new energy and we are working towards getting more creative with our approach that way,” Fischer said. “We are engaging people in an annual day of action, we just had one in June. We are connecting organizations and volunteers for a hands on approach; it opens their eyes and gives a reason to volunteer.”

An on-going goal United Way has set is geared towards the community understanding of what the organization does, how they fund, who they fund, and how they impact the com-

munity through time. Give, volunteer, and advocate are three main attributes to the organization as they hope to bring on-going positive impacts and change to Lycoming, Tioga, and Sullivan counties through the organization.

“You can give time, financial resources, expertise, etc., you can volunteer, and advocacy learn about what we do,” Frick said.

“Change is slow, change is hard: We are working through and shock-waving how we have done things and I think that seeing people find understanding in that has been rewarding,” said Fischer.

“Our job is to figure out how to make the community work together in the best way that we can,” Frick said. “We have to work together, together we can change lives.”



PHOTOS PROVIDED

At top, Lycoming Engines interns work alongside Lycoming County United Way during our annual Day of Action in June 2019.

Above, Melyssa McHale and Corinne Stammel-Demmen, Resource Development Managers at Lycoming County United Way helping to clean up at American Rescue Workers-Williamsport's Saving Grace emergency homeless shelter. Left, Lycoming County United Way President, Ron Frick is ready for the next pitch in the dunk tank at the annual Kids Carnival sponsored by the Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House on Pine Square in Williamsport in April 2019.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD IN DOWNTOWN WILLIAMSPORT



Join us on **Friday, August 23rd** in downtown Williamsport for the 10th Annual Williamsport Welcomes the World street festival. Live bands will be performing throughout the evening along with plenty of kids activities and food vendors. Downtown merchants will all be open throughout the evening offering special discounts with a pin. **Only 750 Williamsport Welcomes the World pins** will be available that evening with a \$5 purchase from participating merchants.

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FEATURE MEMBER

Appreciative Strategies helps businesses stay fresh

By **DEREK DANNEKER**
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Though a place of comfort, the most dangerous thing a business can do is remain stagnant, according to Dennis Gilbert, of Appreciative Strategies LLC.

Since 2007, Gilbert has worked with a multitude of organizations to develop their workforce and develop strategies for improving their functioning.

“Businesses, of any kind, are usually looking for that spark, that motivation of why should we change,” he said. “I help them discover where to go, I don’t tell them where to go.”

Gilbert got his start as a computer programmer where he led a \$35-million-per-year technology business.

“I had learned a lot about business through them, which was a great experience,” he said.

Then he worked for Pennsylvania College of Technology in an administrative role, where he led training groups. Eventually Gilbert moving forward into developing his own business around consultation.

Today, he is an author and certified public speaker through the National Speakers Association. Utilizing five books, most recently #CustServ: The customer service culture, he travels throughout the country to speak to businesses and strategize for long-term goals.

“(Employers) want people that can help them see the positivity, to making a difference, to make some kind of change,” he said.

Many employees are worried that any changes will affect their job security, but the change is necessary to stay competitive and thereby keep their job, said Gilbert.

For example, those in the healthcare industry, such as nursing homes, may need to adapt quickly to anticipate or adjust to new regulations.

“I’ll help businesses think differently, and open their minds to new opportunities, to make changes and decisions, through strategy and strategic planning,” he said.

Gilbert examines what those in the industry call SWAT, or strengths, weaknesses, opportuni-



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Dennis Gilbert of Appreciative Strategies LLC poses for a photo.

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ties and threats. All business naturally have areas where they are strong, but Gilbert said they should work to improve their workforce by developing it.

Another aspect of Appreciate Strategies is working with young clients to take over a business, in what he calls succession coaching, which is common in more rurally adjusted areas such as Williamsport.

“We’re helping someone more junior grow up in the organization to take over a senior position and become the new CEO,” he said.

These type of maneuvers are more common in smaller sized “mom and pop stores,” said Gilbert.

Whatever the future goals may be however, now may be the time to implement a strategy to achieve them. When the economy is doing well, businesses of all sorts have the opportunity and available resources to invest in new ways to become competitive, said Gilbert.

“Change is somewhat of an overused word, but that’s the brutal truth of the day,” he said. “There are some people who get hurt in that boom, but largely, the clients that I see are feeling pretty optimistic about it.”



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At left, Dennis Gilbert of Appreciative Strategies LLC, speaks to a crowd at Penn State Hazleton. Above Gilbert speaks to a crowd at Lock Haven University.



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Santino's Pine Creek Inn
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Leadership Lycoming Welcomes the Class of 2020

The Selection Committee of Leadership Lycoming chose 25 participants to represent the Class of 2020. The Leadership Lycoming Operating Committee (LLOC) is proud to announce the following to begin the program year beginning with an Opening Retreat in September.

Phil Allen, River Valley Health & Dental Center
 Kate Baker, Riverview Bank
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Looking for a new way to showcase your business?

Then consider being the host of a Chamber PM Exchange. If your business is selected as a 2020 PM Exchange Host, please note that the Chamber staff will be there to assist you in planning your event.

**Please note there is no guarantee every business who responds will be selected to host a PM Exchange. You must be a Chamber member for no less than 2 years to be eligible to host an Exchange.*

Please contact Sharon Jones at (570) 326-1971 or sjones@williamsport.org

Leadership Lycoming Announces 2019-2020 Operating Committee:

The Leadership Lycoming Operating Committee begins their new year with new and returning committee members.

Chair – Sherry Paulhamus, Range Resources
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 Sharon Jones, Leadership Lycoming Coordinator, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce

Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce
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Friday August 23, 2019
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Tiadaghton Farm gives events a unique setting

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Saying “I do” in front of one’s closest friends and family is perhaps one of the most memorable moments for any couple. And when it comes to gorgeous wedding venues in the area, brides- and grooms-to-be have a variety of options, from luxurious banquet halls to scenic parks to lovingly decorated and intimate farms.

Tiadaghton Farm, 707 River Road, Jersey Shore, has been the backdrop for over 60 events since 2015, including many weddings, proms, retirement parties, sweet 16 parties, graduation parties, an album release party, baby and bridal showers, class reunions and even the Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce Summer Picnic.

But owners Rusty and Michele Rozenberg were not interested in entering the wedding business at first. “We reluctantly agreed,” said Michele, when a contractor who was remodeling the farmhouse asked if his daughter could get married on the property in 2013. However, even after the cake was cut, the Rozenbergs’ foray into the wedding business was far from over.

For a year and a half after the event, they received messages from numerous people inquiring about having their ceremonies and receptions at the farm, said Michele. In August 2015, Rusty and Michele relented, and the first official Tiadaghton Farm wedding was held. “The setting is unique and has a lot to offer

with a picturesque farmhouse, stately black walnut trees, manicured grounds and a unique barn,” said Michele, of Tiadaghton Farm, the property of which first came into the Rozenberg family’s hands in the late 1940s.

Henry and Mary Rozenberg, Rusty’s grandparents, purchased the farm, located a mile away from where the Fair Play Men, who were squatters in the eighteenth century, declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776 at The Tiadaghton Elm, said Michele. Originally a tobacco barn built by Henry, Tiadaghton Farm was then inherited by Rusty’s parents, Russ and June Rozenberg, in 1990, who then passed it down again to its current owners, Rusty and Michele, in 2012.

Tiadaghton Farm attracts couples from all over the world. Notably, a young man born and raised in South Africa, then attending Pennsylvania College of Technology, attended a wedding reception at Tiadaghton Farm and spent a good deal of time inquiring with Michele about the property’s history. “We get people from all over the country that thoroughly enjoy the property, the setting and the beauty of the mountains in the background,” said Michele. In the case of Tiadaghton Farm, though the scenery might look like a million dollars, the Rozenbergs are committed to keeping the price affordable.

“(We) do everything we can to ensure their event goes smoothly,” said Michele, who



adds each bride brings their own stunning creativity to the barn that makes their event as unique as the last. Tiadaghton Farm also offers couples flexibility in terms of vendors. “Tiadaghton farm does not have any exclusive vendors,” said Michele, “This allows brides to have more control over their expenses, and we find that most utilize local businesses.” Tiadaghton Farm’s business approach helps stimulate Jersey Shore’s economy.

Michele has been active with the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce since graduating from the Leadership Lycoming program in 2006, having served on the program’s operating committee as well. Being part of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce has gained Tiadaghton Farm beneficial network contacts, access to valuable economic information, public exposure and opportunities for training, said Michele.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

At top, inside of the barn at Tiadaghton Farm, 707 River Road, Jersey Shore. Above, chairs set up for a ceremony on the Lawn at Tiadaghton Farm.

Tiadaghton Farm is a perfect example of the adage, “bloom where you are planted,” as Rusty and Michele, both Lycoming County natives, have shared and will continue to share their slice of paradise with people from all over the world. The future of Tiadaghton Farm looks bright - Michele hopes the property stays in the Rozenberg name for a fourth generation in the

hands of Brook and Danielle, who often help out with events.

“We might live in a small town, but we have the opportunity to meet people from around the county and world in our own backyard,” said Michele.

For more information about Tiadaghton Farm, visit tiadaghton-farm.com, call 570-419-7111 or stop by the property, located at 707 River Road in Jersey Shore, PA.

NEW MEMBER

Catherman's brings 50 years of experience to the craft

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New to the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, Chatherman's Collision Center LLC, is open and ready for business as of January 2019. With over 50 years of experience in the business, Robert Thomas Jr. and his father Robert Thomas Sr. work together to provide auto body collision repairs to those in need.

"My husband and his father have been doing body collision repairs for well over 50 years now between the two of them," said Joanne Thomas, wife of Thomas Jr. They have had several different businesses, and just recently took over this location in Newberry in January."

Wanting to be self-employed, Thomas Jr. decided to use the skills his father originally taught him to begin his own collision repair business, according to wife Joanne. Thomas Jr.'s father, now 73 years old, continues his work with auto body repairs to provide efficient and quality services.

"They have a lot of talent between the two of them. They really care about the quality of their work and strive to do well in their field," said Joanne.

The extended team in the shop has worked together for well over 10 years now, according to their website. A trip to the collision center will begin with a smooth scheduling process with Mrs. Thomas and Mike Klees at the front desk.

"We're able to provide our customers rentals for them when their vehicles are getting fixed...We give great estimates at no cost and we are here to work with them and get them scheduled and make the process as efficient as possible," explained Joanne. "We accept all insurance companies, there is not a single one we don't take."

Services provided by the collision center include: autobody repairs, collision repairs, frame machine, autobody painting, and free estimates for the services. All insurances are accepted and rentals will be provided if wanted through Enterprise rental services.

The company is located on 2233 Royal Ave. in Williamsport, and they are open for business Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"My father-in-law is still here and is 73," said Mrs. Thomas. "He's here and still helping his son, so that goes to show how much they care to help each other and help others. It is pretty impressive."



PHOTOS PROVIDED

At left, Robert Thomas Jr. in the paint booth painting a pickup. Above, Edward Stewart in great spirits waving while is was getting ready to start his day working on a BMW that we had in the shop at that time. Below, Joanne Thomas shows the way in to Catherman's Collision Center LLC on 223 Royal Ave.



Member Renewals

Received between June 27th and July 31st

Thank you to our renewing members.
We do appreciate your membership and involvement in the
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ANDRITZ Inc.

Members 31-40 Years

Giant Food Store
Overhead Door Corporation

Members 21-30 Years

Timeless Furniture & Interiors, Inc.

Members 11-20 Years

The Eye Center of Central PA

Members 6-10 Years

Barrel 135

Eric Stashak Commercial Photography and Video Production

Fischer Insurance Agency

Inflection Energy, LLC

Motion Industries

Water Tower Square, LLC

Members 1-5 Years

Allstate - Tillson Insurance and Financial Services, Inc.

Animal Care Sanctuary

Antiques & Moore/Starving Marvin Tack Store

Avu Goldsmiths

Backhouse Cafe' Coffee & Tea

Bastress Mountain Winery

ClearView Asset Protection LLC

Dohl General Construction, LLC

Dolly's Diner

First Choice Business Solutions

Heritage Springs Memory Care Inc.

Jason Eberhart - State Farm Insurance Agent

LHB Ventures

McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC

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APRIL 1ST - NOVEMBER 30TH

MONDAY	9:00AM - 5:00PM
TUESDAY	9:00AM - 5:00PM
WEDNESDAY	9:00AM - 5:00PM
THURSDAY	9:00AM - 5:00PM
FRIDAY	9:00AM - 5:00PM
SATURDAY	9:00AM - 3:00PM
SUNDAY	11:00AM - 3:00PM



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings & Open Houses

Camp Victory

Sunday, September 8, 2019

58 Camp Victory Road

Millville

Open House: noon - 3:00pm

Ribbon Cutting: 1:00pm



Susquehanna Community Bank

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

2409 East Third Street

Williamsport

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Diakon Family Life Services at 435 West Fourth Street, Williamsport celebrated the completion of their renovation project. The project was funded by a grant from the Williamsport Lycoming Community Fund of the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania. Diakon Family Life Services in Williamsport provides mental health services to more than 1,600 Lycoming County residents each year.

Laurel Spencer, Executive Director of Diakon Family Life Services, shared her gratitude to be able to provide their clients with a space that they deserve. She thanked the First Community Foundation Partnership for their assistance and the United Way for their continued support over the years.

From (left to right) Mark Pile, President/CEO of Diakon Family Life Services; Jennifer Wilson, President, First Community Foundation Partnership; Laurel Spencer, Executive Director, Diakon Family Life Services; Shari VanderGast, Senior Vice President of Operations, Diakon Family Life Services; Scott Habecker, Executive Vice President/COO/CFO, Diakon Family Life Services; David Irvin, Director of Facilities, Diakon Family Life Services; Tammy McCrae, Grants and Development Officer, Diakon Family Life Services.

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Dear Local Business,

Little League® International is excited to welcome all fans, families, and players to Williamsport this summer. Every August, new life experiences are created and cherished during the Little League Baseball® World Series. As a contributing member in our community, Little League International would love for your business to get involved and encourages your participation in the celebration!

Our organization has partnered with the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau on an approved banner program that will allow your business to showcase your support of the Little League Baseball® World Series. The banners measure 6' wide by 3' high. If your place of business would like to hang one of these banners, contact the Visitors Bureau. Please note that there are no costs to participate. General questions should be addressed to Regina Edwards, Tourism Coordinator at 570-320-4208 or via e-mail at gedwards@williamsport.org.

One of the most prosperous weeks for the local economy, the Little League® World Series is an exciting time for everyone, especially local businesses. However, as required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Little League must strictly and diligently protect its logos and trademarks to maintain their integrity and ensure many more years of Little League Tournaments in Williamsport. While there are many ways for your business to thrive and benefit from this lively time of year, Little League® International prohibits the following without written permission:

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Now Available

2019 Wage and Benefit Report



Call 570-326-1971

Available now for members is the new Wage and Benefit report "An Examination of Compensation Practices, Wages and Benefits Packages in Lycoming County". Survey participants can purchase the report for \$50 while all others can purchase it for \$200.



Join us on Wednesday, August 14th in welcoming the 16 teams to the 2019 Little League World Series®! Claim your downtown spot early as pre-parade activities start at 4:00 PM. The parade kicks off at 5:30 PM and runs from the corner of Susquehanna and West Fourth Streets through the famous Millionaires' Row National Historic District and ends with a bang at the corner of Market and West Fourth Streets in downtown!



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH | 5:30PM

DOWNTOWN WILLIAMSPORT, PA

Make sure you show some Lycoming County love for this year's Grand Marshal, Hall of Fame Pitcher, Randy Johnson! Keep an eye peeled for new entries such as the Saints Brigade from Port Chester, NY and the Steelton Highspire "Steam Steppers" of Steelton, PA, along with the White Sabers drum corps marching with the Marching Millionaires, two famous Philadelphia Mummers bands, and new floats from both local and national businesses! Don't forget the parade standards such as bands from ten different area high schools, local dance troupes, performers and cheerleaders.

Make the evening complete by dining at one of the great downtown restaurants and explore the goods at the fine shopping destinations. Save some room for treats as vendors will be selling plenty of delicious snacks and other goodies during the parade. Can't make it out? This year's parade will be proudly broadcast live on WBRE TV-28.



The Grand Slam Parade is produced by the Lycoming County Visitors Bureau, a program of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce