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JANUARY-FEBRUARY  
2018



## Winter Kickoff

*We're rolling out the red carpet to celebrate 2018*

Join the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Somerset County, Pittsburgh Social Exchange, Seven Springs Mountain Resort and Ford Business Machines in kicking off 2018 and ski season with a business mixer and/or weekend getaway at Seven Springs Jan. 5!

From 5 to 8 p.m., visit the resort's Matterhorn Lounge for a networking reception. Meet with friends and colleagues while getting to know our friends from the greater Pittsburgh area as we come together for this Friday night networking event.

This event is open to our members and their employees, families and friends, so please spread the word. Admission includes an array of hors d'oeuvres, drink specials and prize drawings.

Seven Springs is also offering special guest rates for skiing,

tubing and other activities for Jan. 5-6, including:

- \$42.23 lift tickets;
- \$41 (plus tax) ski and snowboard rentals;
- \$23 (plus tax) snow tubing from 1-3 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Jan. 5 only;
- \$31 (plus tax) snow tubing from 6-8 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. Jan. 5 only;
- Sporting Clays ranging from \$15-\$45 with your own equipment;
- 10 percent discount at Trillium Spa; and
- \$179 (plus tax) room rate for Jan. 5

Admission to the Winter Kickoff mixer is \$25 for Chamber members and \$55 for nonmembers. Contact the Chamber to RSVP. For details on discounted activities and room rates, contact Seven Springs at 800-452-2223. RSVPs must be made prior to receiving discounts.

## In new year, Chamber launches new website

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce has been working with Daily American Media to launch a new and improved Chamber website. This new website, [www.somersetcountychamber.com](http://www.somersetcountychamber.com) and [www.somersetpa.net](http://www.somersetpa.net), launched in late December and is now live for your everyday use.

The new site still contains all the great information you've come to expect like our calendar of events, business directory, member updates, tourism information and more. However, this new and improved version offers enhanced features, a fresh look, mobile optimization, an interactive online store and much more. Members will also now be able to pay their dues online and new members will be able to join online.

A variety of advertising and sponsorship opportunities are available to our members. For more information, contact the

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### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

*"Rockwood Area School District's membership in the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce has been invaluable. In addition to the direct benefits of being a Chamber member, our students have benefited from relationships developed with other businesses and organizations that are Chamber members. Rockwood students have benefited directly through participation in career activities supported and facilitated by the Chamber and other members. Career activities include industry tours, internships, supervised job shadowing, career panels, and guidance for career graduation projects. Business and education partnerships developed through these activities have also led to donations of equipment and materials for our instructional programs."*

**Mark Bower**, Superintendent/High School Principal  
Rockwood Area School District

# Fund raising for nonprofits

## *Workshop highlights sponsorship strategies, tactics*

Have you ever wondered how NASCAR teams land corporate sponsorships of \$20 million per year?

Learn how to use the same strategies to develop a proposal that lands a \$2,000 sponsor for your church carnival or a \$300 sponsor for your soccer and little league team as the Chamber hosts "Fund Raising in the Fast Lane" Jan. 24.

As a lifelong marketing and public relations consultant in professional auto racing, presenter Mike Lysakowski will share his experiences in corporate sponsorship transactions. In



**Mike Lysakowski**

addition to successfully landing sponsorship contracts at all levels, Lysakowski has also served as the distributor and administrator of corporate donations. As a result, his advice and best practices come from "both sides of the fence" in sponsorship sales.

At this workshop sponsored by Jennerstown Speedway Complex LLC, participants will learn:

- What a "sponsorship" should truly consist of and accomplish;
- How to create a proposal that gets the attention of a major corporation or a small business;
- What marketing professionals and corporate donors are seeking from a sponsorship;
- How to "activate" and execute a sponsorship at your event;
- The expected follow-up with a sponsor after your event; and
- How donors view your role as recipient of a sponsorship.

Nonprofit staff, partners, community volunteers and anyone who participates in fund-raising activities can benefit from this informative and lively session and will learn from Lysakowski's real-life examples of landing sponsorships.

This workshop will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at ServPro of Somerset County & Westmont. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. Space is limited.

Admission is \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or [info@somersetcountychamber.com](mailto:info@somersetcountychamber.com) by Jan. 19.

## Session explores benefits of local airports

Join the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce in commencing a year of information sessions and updates when it hosts "News at Noon: Taking Your Business to New Heights" Jan. 18 at the Somerset Country Club.

Local general aviation airports produce identifiable economic benefits that exceed the tax dollars spent on maintaining and operating those facilities. They provide direct, indirect and induced economic impact on local economies and provide a level of service to area residents and businesses that is sometimes overlooked.

At this luncheon, local industry experts will share what these airports mean to Somerset County and the region and why it is so important for the community to support their efforts. Plus, attendees will get a first-hand update on what's happening at these facilities and

how they could make a difference from speakers David Wright, manager of the Somerset County Airport, Thomas Keyes, manager of the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, and Gabe Monzo, executive director of the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport.

Registration for this event will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and the program at noon. Admission is \$30 for Chamber members and \$40 for nonmembers.

Contact the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or [info@somersetcountychamber.com](mailto:info@somersetcountychamber.com) to RSVP by Jan. 12.

This update is the first of many such sessions planned for 2018, including a legislative update on Feb. 15 (see article on page 4). Sponsorship opportunities, both for this event and for the entire 2018 slate of update sessions, are available. Contact the Chamber for details.

## Great opportunities for our county in 2018

**By Ron Aldom**

*Executive Director,*

*Somerset County Chamber of Commerce*

I love the term realistic optimism and I am guilty of using it a lot. I do believe in it and 2018 looks to back me up on it. The day I wrote this article, I had to shovel out of my house, which makes a white Christmas a realistic possibility. And while Bing had one way of looking at it, my thoughts went to a great start to the ski season, and that is huge for Somerset County.



**Ron Aldom**

Next up is the launch of a new and improved Chamber website that will add benefit to our members and our county. Not to be outdone, our workforce education program, Success in Somerset County, is expanding into more school districts, impacting more students and adding more businesses to our growing list of supporters. In addition, Operation Hope Shot continues to make an impact by getting recovered addicts into gainful employment and helping them achieve a drug-free future and a better life. Plus, these programs are helping us with one of the biggest issues we face and that is a critical shortage of skilled workers. You can also look for more information sessions this year, addressing topics that affect us and add benefit to our businesses and communities.

This is just a small sample of the benefits of membership and the positive impact of having an active chamber of commerce.

Speaking of realistic optimism, would you like to hear my thoughts on what the opening of Route 219 will mean to the county? Stay tuned for my next article in the March/April issue.



# Member News

**CEO resigns:** Mike Artim, president and CEO of the Cambria Regional Chamber, announced his resignation, effective Dec. 31, in November. Artim joined the organization in December 2017, replacing longtime chamber president Robert Layo who retired in October 2017.

**F.O.E. makes donations:** The Somerset Fraternal Order of Eagles recently made \$2,000 donations to the Jennerstown Vol. Fire Dept. and the Somerset Vol. Fire Dept. The Eagles also donated \$1,000 to the Somerset County Federated Library System.

**Care packages:** In November, the Somerset County Military Family Support Group assembled and shipped 42 boxes of holiday décor, small leisure items, toiletries and food to deployed service men and women affiliated with Somerset County.

**Firms announce merger:** Officials with USSCO Johnstown Federal Credit Union announced a merger agreement with JSTC Employees Federal Credit Union. Following the terms of the agreement, JSTC will be merged into USSCO, and the transaction is expected to be complete by mid-2018.

**Center receives donations:** The Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center recently received \$1,200 from the Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center's cosmetology programs, a \$1,000 donation from Arbutus Park Retirement Community and \$500 from Ameriserv Financial.

**ADM earns certification:** Augustine Die & Mold, Inc., announced it has achieved AS9100 Rev. D certification for its Somerset plant. The certification is the most recent Quality Management System standard for the aviation, space and defense industry. Augustine is one of the region's first to earn the certification after an extensive analysis of its Quality Systems by BSI Group America, one of the industry's premiere certification bodies.

**Bloom named:** Robbie Bloom has been named to the North Star School District school board. Bloom replaces former board President Wayne Lohr, who resigned in October.

**Schools extend partnership:** In November, officials with Pennsylvania Highlands Community College and the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center (GACTC) expanded the articulation agreements between the two schools. Students can now transfer credits from GACTC to eight associate degrees at Penn Highlands.

**Team makes donation:** The Somerset Area High School girls volleyball made a \$4,309 donation to Somerset Oncology.

**Friends name three:** David Finui, Jody Greene and Ed Sheehan Jr. have been named to the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial Board of Directors.

**REC offers assistance:** Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative has partnered with the Somerset County Technology Center to offer a tuition assistance program for select postsecondary

programs at the tech center. Applications are due Jan. 30.

**Hospital benefits:** The Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber received more than \$7,000 for hospital projects and equipment through the Windber Health Care Foundation Auxiliary's Third Annual Showcase of Chefs.

**Municipality awarded:** Jennerstown Borough received a \$394,000 state grant for the purchase of nearly 223 acres in the borough and Jenner Township. Officials plan to convert the property into a conservation area for residents and tourists.

**New owners:** Ed Warshel and Scott Miller have been named owners of Indian Lake Marina, Inc.

**Rullo recognized:** In December, the Somerset County Commissioners honored longtime county solicitor Dan Rullo for his 30 years of service. Rullo has been elected a Somerset County judge.

**Firm makes donation:** Boyer Financial Planning, Somerset, made a \$500 donation to the Salvation Army Somerset Service Center on behalf of the firm's clients.

**Community gives back:** Global/SFC Valve Corp., Somerset, organized a community Christmas collection for crew members aboard the USS Somerset. Global President Bob Kirst traveled to San Diego to meet with the crew over the holidays.

**Agency makes list:** Somerset Hospital Health has been named to the Top 500 of the 2017 HomeCare Elite, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the U.S.

**Center receives check:** Interim HealthCare of Somerset recently made a \$1,500 donation to the Next Step Center, Somerset.

**Board adds five:** Bob Donaldson, Jeff McKenzie, Heather Reese, Bryan Stanczyk and Tammy Witherite have joined the Meyersdale Area School Board. Additionally, the Penn State Interscholastic Athletic Association named Meyersdale English teacher Jessica Denkins an Educator of the Year.

**Ochoa earns designation:** Jordan Ochoa of STC Trust & Investment Management recently earned the designation of chartered mutual fund counselor, the only mutual fund designation recognized in the financial-services industry. Additionally, Somerset Trust Co. managers raised money through a variety of employee activities to purchase bicycles and helmets for the Boys & Girls Club of Somerset County, the Children's Aid Home of Somerset County and the Next Step Center.

**Event nets funds:** The Somerset Auxiliary of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra raised \$11,000 for the JSO during its annual Taste of the Laurel Highlands in October.

**Employee promoted:** Engineer Andrew Fedorko has been promoted to an affiliate with The EADS Group. Affiliates are those employees who excel in technical achievement, administrative management and professional responsibility and are selected by the firm's board of directors.

# Resort upgrades amenities for new ski season

With the goal of continuously enhancing the guest experience, Seven Springs Mountain Resort closely examines operations each year to identify where improvements can be made. This year, Seven Springs has made great strides across the resort, from major snowmaking upgrades to major renovations within the Main Lodge and Hotel for the 2017-2018 winter season.

## Snowmaking improvements

Sixty-six HKD Impulse R5 tower snowguns and six HKD Viper R5 portable snowguns have been added to Wagner and Gunnar slopes, which use a reduced amount of compressed air and allow the snowmaking team to tailor output to adapt the system to varying weather conditions.

The snowmaking stations on Gunnar Slope, Yodeler Trail and Lost Girl Trail were converted to a high-pressure system. The increased water pressure will significantly increase performance, generating more snow of better quality.

A 900-foot string of nine snowmaking towers has been added to expand the size of North Park, which has been redesigned into a boardercross-style freestyle area, full of small and medium features, bank turns and transition.

## New rental equipment

The Seven Springs Rental Center will offer a brand new fleet of Rossignol children's skis and boots and Burton snowboards and boots this winter.

## Night ticket

A 4-9 p.m. night session is available this year, Sundays-Thursdays, excluding holidays.

## New Snowsports School director

Jamie Forsys will lead the Seven Springs Snowsports School for the 2017-2018 season. A skier for 38 years and a snowboarder for 23 years, Forsys is a certified Level 2 AASI instructor and a Level 1 USSA Coach and has taught skiing and snowboarding for 20 years.

## Off-mountain renovations

The Seven Springs hotel's 414 rooms have each undergone a renovation.

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# Reminder on changes to Chamber newsletter policies

Beginning with this issue of *Progress*, the Chamber will be transitioning to a bimonthly newsletter schedule.

You'll be receiving the same great content you're currently receiving – and you'll be receiving more of it, as we've added four pages to each issue – only now you'll be receiving it every other month.

With this move, there are some things to keep in mind. Deadlines for submitting news items, events for the printed calendar, real estate listings, Member-2-Member Discounts, classified ads and similar items have been altered.

Chamber members can still include flyers in the newsletter. However, please note that there is a limit of 12 flyers per issue and those flyers must be reserved ahead of time. Flyers will be included on a first-come, first-serve basis – no exceptions.

To keep up to date on Chamber happenings and important items related to your membership between issues of

**Stay up to date**  
Keep up to date on Chamber happenings and other items of interest by visiting our new website, [somersetcountychamber.com](http://somersetcountychamber.com). Also be sure to read our biweekly eblasts. If you're not receiving these emails, contact the Chamber today.

*Progress*, be sure to visit our website, [www.somersetcountychamber.com](http://www.somersetcountychamber.com), frequently. Member updates are posted regularly on the site's members' area section, and the online calendar is updated daily.

Also, be sure you're receiving our biweekly eblasts, which contain pertinent information regarding your membership, benefits of membership and other important updates.

Finally, we encourage members who would rather receive a PDF of the newsletter electronically to do so. The newsletter, along with its corresponding flyers, can be emailed to you directly rather than arriving at your office or home through the mail.

For submission deadlines, to reserve a flyer, to be added to the eblast distribution list, to receive the newsletter electronically, or if you have any other questions regarding the Chamber newsletter, contact Sheena at [sheenab@somersetcountychamber.com](mailto:sheenab@somersetcountychamber.com).

## Co-working coming to Somerset this spring

Attracting jobs and millennials to Somerset are two important ingredients in a recipe for economic growth. Traditional job creation is important, but there is a rising trend of freelance, contingent and remote workers we can also welcome in Somerset County. It is estimated that 40 percent of the U.S. workforce will be freelancers in 2020 (Emergent Research) and 40 percent of employees will work remotely at least some of the time (Gallup.)

Emily Korn's understands this trend well. A Somerset native, Korn's has been working in Somerset since 2012 as a remote employee and contractor for one the world's largest food manufacturers. She is starting Uptown Works, a business to address the needs of this new workforce. It will open this spring at 109 E. Main St., Somerset – the former World's Attic building.

Uptown Works is a co-working office where members share business resources and develop a community among unaffiliated

workers and companies. The unique features include:

- Flexible membership terms to adapt to changing work volume and schedules;
- 24/7 access to fully furnished workspaces with office supplies, coffee/tea, wifi and printing;
- Opportunities to network and socialize;
- Space to meet with clients, hold meetings, create and collaborate, or just work quietly at a desk;
- A modern, vibrant work setting that will transform the streetscape uptown; and
- On-site childcare (limited hours, restrictions and additional fees apply).

Uptown Works welcomes remote workers, freelancers and entrepreneurs as well as established businesses needing space for overflow or meetings. An early membership campaign is underway. Visit [www.uptownworks.co](http://www.uptownworks.co) or contact Korn's at [emily@uptownworks.co](mailto:emily@uptownworks.co) to learn more.

## Chamber welcomes legislators for government update

Join us for a legislative update session of News at Noon Feb. 15 at the Somerset Country Club as we welcome our local state legislators for an update on all that is happening in Harrisburg.

At this luncheon, hear more about issues that affect our county and what we can expect in the future. The timing of this update should correspond with the release of Gov. Wolf's budget, so there will be a focus and discussion on that issue as well.

Sen. Pat Stefano (R-32), Rep. Carl Walker Metzgar (R-69), Rep. Matthew Dowling (R-51) and Rep. Mike Reese (R-59) will be on hand for this session. Rep. Bryan Barbin (D-71) has also been invited to attend.

There will be time for a question-and-answer session during this luncheon. We encourage you to submit your questions prior to the event to share with our legislators so they can research or contact the proper departments for specific answers in advance.

Registration for this event will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and the program at noon. Admission is \$30 for Chamber members and \$40 for nonmembers.

Contact the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or [info@somersetcountychamber.com](mailto:info@somersetcountychamber.com) to RSVP. Pre-registration is requested by Feb. 9.

Sponsorship opportunities, both for this event and for the entire 2018 slate of update sessions, are available. Contact the Chamber for details.



**Pat Stefano**



**Carl W. Metzgar**



**Matthew Dowling**



**Mike Reese**



## New members celebrate grand openings



**Open for business:** Crossroads Feed and Supply celebrated the grand opening of its new location at 1904 Lincoln Highway, Boswell, with a ribbon cutting Dec. 1. Pictured are (from left): Pa. Rep. Carl Walker Metzgar, Caleb Plummer, owner Luke Flannery, Andrew Flannery, Sara DiValentone and Chamber Executive Director Ron Aldom.



**New java spot:** Haz Beanz BrewHouse Cafe has opened at 122 N. Center Ave., Somerset. Marking the occasion were (from left) Regina Coughenour, executive director of Somerset Inc.; Ron Aldom, Chamber executive director; owners Bryan Maust and Courtney Pritts; Dan Parisi, Somerset County Economic Development Council entrepreneur coach; and Josh Miller, SCEDC executive director.

## New Chamber Members

### Sunshine Luggage Shuttle

Angela Bonnell, owner

259 Park St., Confluence, PA 15424

(814) 279-5333

[sunshine.luggage.shuttle@gmail.com](mailto:sunshine.luggage.shuttle@gmail.com)

[www.sunshineluggage shuttle.com](http://www.sunshineluggage shuttle.com)

Owner Angela Bonnell says, "Traveling the Great Allegheny Passage? Sunshine Luggage Shuttle transports luggage so you don't have to haul it on your bike! We're safe, reliable, cheerful, careful and timely. Let Sunshine Luggage Shuttle bring the sunshine to your trip! Your bags will be waiting for you as you arrive at each lodging stop. Custom luggage shuttling for trips is my speciality. Make your trip even smoother! Email, text, call or visit the Sunshine Luggage Shuttle Facebook page or website to book your trip."



### Irwin Business & Professional Association

Mike Pochan, treasurer

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[irwin1864@gmail.com](mailto:irwin1864@gmail.com)

[www.irwinpa.org](http://www.irwinpa.org)

The Irwin Business & Professional Association (IBPA) is an all-volunteer group that promotes 14 family oriented events for the benefit of the surrounding communities of western Pennsylvania to preserve the health and vitality of classic Downtown Irwin. The IBPA is a nonprofit community organization that requests no government money. The IBPA raises its funds through sponsorships, placement ads and vendor fees. If your business would like to reach Westmoreland County through the IBPA's events, contact Mike Pochan. The IBPA does not have a physical address.

## Chamber Member Spotlight

**Business:** Cascio's Fruit Market

**Owners/Managers:** Donald and Jodi Brougher

**Address:** 242 W. Main St., Somerset, PA 15501

**Phone:** (814) 445-4852

**Email:** [jodibrougher@gmail.com](mailto:jodibrougher@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.facebook.com/Cascios-Fruit-Market-98796415938](http://www.facebook.com/Cascios-Fruit-Market-98796415938)

**Year established:** 1918

**Number of employees:** Approximately 15

**Hours of operation:** 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday

**Year the business joined the Chamber:** Cascio's has been a member for 35+ years.

**What does the business do?** Cascio's provides a variety of products and fresh produce, wholesale produce, precut products like fruit baskets and trays, gourmet items, Somerset County products, grab-and-go items and much more.

**How did the business begin?** The Cascio family operated the business from 1918 until the mid-1960s when the business was purchased by the Brougher family. Donald and Jodi Brougher have been operating the business since 1986.

**Did you know?** Cascio's sells meat from Bingman Meat Packing in Berlin, seafood from Pittsburgh and lamb from the Brougher family farm. Cascio's also makes deliveries.

**Why do the owners think being a Chamber member is important?** "I liked the Chamber's campaign that encouraged consumers to 'think local, buy local' and the Chamber's commitment to that concept. It's the best thing the Chamber has ever done," says owner Jodi Brougher.



**Want to see your business or organization featured here?**

**Email Sheena at [sheenab@somersetcountychamber.com](mailto:sheenab@somersetcountychamber.com). Members are featured on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

# Penn Highlands continues expanding services for students

**By Raymond Weible, Jr., M.S. IMC**  
*Director of Marketing & Communications,  
 Pennsylvania Highlands Community College*

The Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Somerset Center is in its second year within the Somerset County Education Center and has recently expanded its space to include three classrooms, two science labs, a computer lab, a distance education room, a small conference room, a testing room, a student lounge and office suites.

As a catalyst for regional renewal, Penn Highlands is actively working with educational institutions throughout the region to create better pathways to career success. Penn Highlands recently collaborated with both California University of Pennsylvania and Mount Aloysius College on additional articulation agreements to allow students easy transfer of credits from one program to the next.

With California University of Pennsylvania, a new articulation agreement allows students to transfer credits earned through the Associate of Applied Science in Small Business Management (Penn Highlands) to the Bachelor of Science

in Technology Management (California University of Pennsylvania) program.

Recent articulation agreements with Mount Aloysius College include the transfer of credits from associate degree programs in Child Development, Early Childhood Education, Information Technology, Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Psychology.

These agreements allow Penn Highlands' graduates the ability to apply for full junior standing upon admission into California University of Pennsylvania or Mount Aloysius College.

A secondary purpose is to provide faculty and administration of all institutions with more precise guidelines for advising students interested in pursuing specific career pathways. These guidelines will help students achieve their degree in the most cost effective and timely manner possible.

Course schedules for spring and summer 2018 are currently available. The spring semester starts Jan. 16. Explore the college's course offerings online at [www.pennhighlands.edu](http://www.pennhighlands.edu) and enroll today. Penn Highlands Somerset offers courses in daytime, evening, online or video-conferencing formats.



## Program makes a difference, offers hope

On Oct. 12, the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce joined the Twin Lakes Treatment Center, PA CareerLink Somerset County, Somerset Hospital, the Somerset County Commissioners, Somerset District Attorney Lisa Lazzari-Strasler and other partners to launch a program that will change the lives of local residents while making an impact on our local businesses.

That day, we launched Operation Hope Shot (OHS) at the Somerset County Courthouse and instantly gave hope and opportunity to people who are fighting back from drug and alcohol abuse.

Through the efforts of everyone involved, recovering addicts and alcoholics will have the opportunity to find quality employment

and a better quality of life by completing various levels of treatment and staying the course. Once these individuals have been approved through the OHS committee, they move onto CareerLink for job search assistance.

We have found many of these individuals have strong work skills, solid education backgrounds and a willingness to work. CareerLink tries to match their skills with businesses looking for that type of skill set. It should also be noted that these individuals must stay actively involved in their treatment with Twin Lakes or risk being pulled from the program.

Interested local businesses can become a part of the program by registering with PA CareerLink Somerset County. Information is also available by contacting the Chamber.



# Teens learn about jobs through game show

**By Gloria Pritts & Sharon Clapper**  
*Co-Chairs, Success in Somerset County*

Since 2013, Somerset County eighth grade students have had the opportunity to learn about available career options through a fun activity provided by Success in Somerset County. The committee reinvented the popular 1950s game show "What's My Line" to showcase careers in our county. Using job

descriptions and asking yes or no questions, student teams select careers represented by a panel of various business

persons. The team with the most correct matches wins. Panelists talk to the students about their career choices, education, job expectations, dress, salary ranges and answer any questions they may have.

Over 1,000 students from Rockwood, Meyersdale, Shanksville, North Star, Berlin, Salisbury-Elk Lick and Turkeyfoot school districts have participated in the program since the Chamber received a grant to implement a program to create career, job and educational awareness in Somerset County. Five years later and the program remains a success!

"What's My Line is an interactive way to bring local careers throughout Somerset County alive for my students. They are actively engaged, eager to know which panelist belongs with which career, and it has opened new possibilities to them in a fun, light-hearted way," says Rockwood English teacher Mary Jane Sauder. "Not only does this activity allow students to learn about careers, but it allows them to engage with people from their own communities, which piques their interest. Finally, it gives them a contact person for future reference if needed."

"I simply cannot say enough good things about What's My Line or Sharon Clapper and Gloria Pritts who have so graciously brought this activity into our school!"

The committee hopes to expand the program to more districts throughout the county. If you would like to know more about career activities or showcase your career and help with this project, contact the Chamber.





# College & Technical Fair highlights opportunities

The 33<sup>rd</sup> College & Technical Fair, sponsored by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and the Somerset County Foundation, is set for April 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the 28<sup>th</sup> Police Company in Friedens.

This annual event is free and open to the public, but is specifically designed to assist high school students and their families explore higher education and other opportunities after graduation. Representatives from a variety of colleges, trade schools, technical institutions, business schools, nursing programs and the military will be on hand to provide information and answer questions regarding courses, college life, admissions and financial aid packages.

This year's College & Technical Fair will also include an employer career panel featuring representatives from a variety of vocations ready to answer questions about their jobs, training, opportunities and other



**Opportunity knocks:** Students from school districts across Somerset County visit with representatives from a variety of colleges, technical schools and other organizations at the annual College & Technical Fair.

related topics.

For more information, contact the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or [info@somersetcountychamber.com](mailto:info@somersetcountychamber.com). A full list

of participating schools and organizations will be available on the Chamber's website, [www.somersetcountychamber.com](http://www.somersetcountychamber.com), as well as in the next issue of this newsletter.

## Chamber offers three scholarships to local students this spring

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce is offering three \$500 awards to area students. Applicants must be a member of the Chamber or a student of a Chamber-member school, university or college; an employee of a Chamber member; a child of a Chamber member; or the child of an employee of a Chamber member. Some other restrictions apply. See application for details.

Applicants must also be planning to attend one of these Chamber-member institutions:

- Allegany College of Maryland
- Geneva College Dept. of Professional and Online Studies
- Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center
- International College of Bible Theology

### Find more online

Visit the Chamber's website for details on other scholarships.

- Mount Aloysius College
- Penn State – Fayette
- Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
- Saint Francis University
- Somerset County Technology Center
- University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Applications may be picked up at the Chamber, 601 N. Center Ave., Somerset, or downloaded from [www.somersetcountychamber.com](http://www.somersetcountychamber.com). Applications are also available from school guidance counselors.

The deadline to register for the 2018 Chamber Scholarship is April 6. Winners will be notified on or before April 30.

## CareerLink targets job seekers, employers

By Debra Hoover

Business Services Coordinator,

Pennsylvania CareerLink Somerset County

PA CareerLink Somerset County can help you if you are looking for a job, or if you are an employer looking for good workers.

Job seekers should:

- Register for the JobGateway. Regional employers post lots of jobs here.
- Attend an orientation of services, held Thursday mornings at 8:30 (or on the spot when you visit), to find out more about all the services we can provide.
- Meet with our career counselors to find out what services are available to you.

Employers should:

- Register for the JobGateway. More and more job seekers use this site to search for jobs in our region.

*Pennsylvania*  
**CareerLink**  
SOMERSET COUNTY

- Hold a job fair for your business at the CareerLink. This free service can help you to reach more job seekers.
- Find out about On-The-Job Training opportunities where we could pay up to half of the wages for your new hires during the training period.

Seek us first if you are looking for a job. You might be amazed at all the services we have available to you, regardless if you are 16 or 60+. Employers, please take advantage of all CareerLink has to offer for your workforce needs.

For more information, visit us at 6022 Glades Pike, Suite 100, Somerset; call (814) 445-4161; or visit [gocareerlink.org](http://gocareerlink.org). Find us on Facebook, too, at [www.facebook.com/pacareerlinksomersetcounty](http://www.facebook.com/pacareerlinksomersetcounty).

# Festival brings winter games, skating to Uptown Somerset

By Regina Coughenour

Executive Director, Somerset, Inc.

Enjoy festival favorites and come see what's new at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fire & Ice Festival Jan. 12-14! This year's "Winter Games" theme will put an athletic twist on the event from the sculptures to the window decor uptown to the inspiration of new activities.

For the first time in Fire & Ice history, there will be an ice rink at the festival and for the first time in a more-than-decade-span since the local rink closed, there will be public skating in Somerset. The rink will be open all weekend, staffed by Somerset Area Hockey Association, and rentals will be available. The rink is synthetic, so everyone will be able to skate, no matter the weather.

The three-day Fire & Ice Festival kicks off Jan. 12 and goes all weekend long! Highlights include:

- Dazzling ice sculptures and live demonstrations by Mastro Gourmet Quality Ice;
- Fireworks on the Diamond, presented by Little Big Shots, at 6 p.m. Jan 12;
- The Ethan Jano Band at the American Legion Jan. 12;
- Fire & Ice 5K Walk/Run at 10 a.m. Jan. 13 starting at Somerset Area Junior High School;
- Diamond Star Halo at the Fraternal



Order of the Eagles Jan. 13;

- Local Beer, Wine, & Spirits Tent, showcasing local makers and hosting entertainment;
- Fire & Ice Children's Area, presented by Community Action Partnership for Somerset County, starting at 10 a.m. Jan. 13;
- Hot Stuff Chili and Soup Cook-off from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 13 at the American Legion;
- Fire & Ice Headquarters and Marketplace offering souvenirs, information and an eclectic array of vendors and silent auction items;
- Laurel Highlands Model Railroad Club winter train display;
- Window & Interior Decorating Contest and Scavenger Hunt; and
- Fire & Ice Ice Rink all weekend long on East Main Street.

Prior to the festival, the Fire & Ice Social – renamed from the annual Gala – will be held at the Somerset Country Club at 6 p.m. Jan. 6. Admission is \$25 per person. Reservations are required.

For more information on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fire & Ice Festival, visit the festival's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/FireIceFestival](http://www.facebook.com/FireIceFestival), or [www.somersetinc.org](http://www.somersetinc.org). Information on the Fire & Ice Social can be found at [www.facebook.com/fireandicesocial](http://www.facebook.com/fireandicesocial) or [www.somersetinc.org](http://www.somersetinc.org).

## From UPGRADES, page 3

- One hundred rooms and suites are receiving completely remodeled bathrooms, new carpeting, new paint, new furnishings and upgraded bedding and amenities.
- All other rooms are receiving new carpet, new paint and upgraded furnishings, bedding and amenities.

The Center Lobby and Bavarian Lounge are being completely renovated with updated flooring, finishes, accents and furnishings.

Bass Rock Cottage, a three-bedroom, four-bathroom cottage adjacent to the resort, has been completely renovated and is now available for reservations. The cottage sleeps eight and offers luxurious yet rustic accommodations with a private fishing pond and breathtaking views.

Upgrades have also been made at Hidden Valley Resort.

### Snowmaking: new pumphouse

The snowmaking pumphouse at Hidden Valley has been completely overhauled to allow for greater capacity and improved snowmaking on the slopes.

- Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) were added, which will allow the snowmaking team to better control the output of the pumps, saving electricity and improving adaptability to conditions.
- Maximum output has been increased from 3,700 GPM to 4,700 GPM, allowing for up to 12 additional snowguns to be operated at a time.

— *Seven Springs Mountain Resort Marketing & Communications Dept.*

# White of winter turns local economy green

By Anna Weltz

Director of Public Relations, Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau

Winter weather, you either love it or you hate it. But regardless your personal weather preferences, cold temperatures and snowfall are important to the Laurel Highlands for many reasons. For instance, when it melts, snow replenishes our water table, providing hydration for trees, flowers and plants that will bloom in the spring. But snow and cold don't just mean green in the form of plants and trees, but also in terms of our economy.

In 2015, visitors spent more than \$1.8 billion in the Laurel Highlands and a large portion of that lucrative spending comes between the months of December and March. Think of the SUVs, cars and vans exiting the Turnpike in Somerset as tiny economic engines bursting with possibilities, headed for Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Hidden Valley Resort, Laurel Mountain and our state parks.

Studies have shown that our visitors spend between \$100-400 per day in the Laurel Highlands. These folks are investing in our local economy by filling up at gas stations, picking up essentials at grocery stores, trying and buying local spirits, renting hotel rooms or vacation homes, exploring shops, plugging parking meters and paying turnpike tolls. They are also enjoying meals at our restaurants, getting a caffeine fix at a coffee shop and maybe even thinking about buying a vacation home here, thus paying property taxes and supporting our school districts.

So what does that mean for us, the residents of the Laurel Highlands? Let's talk numbers:

- For every \$1 a visitor spends, \$3.43 in tax revenue is generated to support local services like police, school districts, infrastructure like roads and bridges, and the Somerset County Tourism Grant Program.
- One in 13 jobs in the tri-county Laurel Highlands region is supported by tourism.
- Every household in the Laurel Highlands saves \$510 annually in taxes thanks to tourism.

Visitors are smart, savvy and informed. They are closely comparing their options and travelling to a location where they can get the most for their money and feel welcome. Speaking of welcome, in a recent survey, visitors shared with us that they feel welcome in Somerset County, citing it as one of the county's dominant characteristics.

So, the next time the forecast calls for accumulations of the white stuff, try to think of it as accumulations of green.





## Oakhurst hosts mixer



**Social networking:** Old Man Winter didn't keep Chamber members from enjoying a holiday mixer at Oakhurst Grille & Event Center, Somerset, Dec. 13.

## Thank you, mixer hosts!

Being able to connect with other businesses is one of the many perks of being a Chamber member, and we would be remiss if we didn't thank those companies and organizations that opened their doors to host or sponsor Chamber mixers in 2017. They are:

- Uptown Painting Party
- Megashow Preview
- Spectacular sponsors
- Citizens Neighborhood Bank, Corsa Coal, Elite Kitchen & Bath Design Center, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1801, Inco Beverage Inc., Old Towne

- Bakery & Cafe, Pappy D's, Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Snyder of Berlin, Somerset Country Club, Somerset Hospital and Somerset Trust Co.
- Laurel View Village
- Whitehorse Brewing LLC
- Hickory Hollow Campground
- Mountain Playhouse
- Ameriserv Financial and Laurel Arts
- Copper Kettle Guest House and Haunted Hayloft, and
- Oakhurst Grille & Event Center

Stay tuned for more great events like these in 2018.

## Member update forms

Have you returned your membership update forms? Forms for directory/website listing information and basic member information were mailed in early December. Information on those forms will be used to update your membership information for both the 2018 membership directory and the Chamber's online membership directory. **Members failing to return their update forms will have their current information published.** Forms can be faxed to the Chamber at (814) 443-4313, emailed to [info@somersetcountychamber.com](mailto:info@somersetcountychamber.com), or mailed to 601 N. Center Ave., Somerset, PA 15501. If there are no changes to your information, simply submit your form with the words "no changes."

## Showcase your business or group by hosting a Chamber mixer!

Mixers are a great way to network while advertising your business' or organization's products and services.

**Book your mixer today by contacting Sheena at (814) 445-6431.**



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info@indianlakemarina.com

### Duppstadt's Country Store

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Take \$10 off the purchase of clearance boots from the upstairs shop with coupon.

### A-1 Garage Doors & Openers

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We sell the best and service the rest. Amarr Garage Doors, LiftMaster openers, residential and commercial, sales-service-installation. 10% discount for Chamber members on garage doors and openers.

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### SAJ Publishing

(814) 445-9695

SAJ Publishing is offering a 20% discount to Chamber members on the following books: "Courage After the Crash" and "Quiet Courage" by local author Glen J. Kashurba, M.D. Royalties for "Quiet Courage" donated to the Flight 93 National Memorial. Visit our website, www.sajpublishing.com, or contact Mary for more information.

### Ophthalmic Associates

(814) 445-3730

Purchase 1 pair of prescription eyeglasses and get half off a pair of prescription sunglasses. Cannot combine discount with insurance programs.

### Security One LLC

(814) 629-9614

All Chamber members receive a 10% discount off installation of security systems.

### Kashurba Web Design Group, LLC

(814) 279-8507

20% discount on custom websites and website redesigns for Chamber members, plus FREE domain registration and web hosting for the first year!

### Bittner Vending, Inc.

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First order of 5 gallon spring water free with cooler rental. Offer good for new customers only.

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Hair & Nail Salon

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20% off any one service to new clients who are Chamber members.

### Damin Printing

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## Available Commercial Space

### BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESERVICES

800-419-7653

### Quill Haven Bed & Breakfast

Sale Pending

This award-winning B&B at 1519 N. Center Ave., Somerset, has 9 bedrooms and 7.5 baths in the bed and breakfast, a proprietor's suite with a 2-bedroom in-law suite. On 2.8 acres with large barn in good condition for storage. Visit LaurelHighlandsLiving.com for more information and photos.

\$475,000

Contact Robert "Wags" Wagner at (412) 551-1859.

### Sherman's Ice Cream Parlor

450 Latrobe Ave., Confluence

Fully equipped with U-shaped bar, coolers, grill and fryers and fridge and freezer. Upstairs is a renovated 2-bedroom apartment with appliances and washer and dryer. Visit LaurelHighlandsLiving.com for more information and photos.

\$174,500

Contact Robert "Wags" Wagner at (412) 551-1859.

### Store and apartment

This building at 114 N. Market St., Ligonier, is in the first block north of town center. Downstairs business space has built-in cabinets and is handicap compliant. Upstairs is a renovated 2-bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment with appliances. Ready for a new business. Five dedicated parking spaces. Town parking lot across the street. Visit LaurelHighlandsLiving.com for more information and photos.

\$425,000

Contact Robert "Wags" Wagner at (412) 551-1859.

### Westridge Properties, Inc.

(814) 445-4578/(814) 442-7878

### For Rent

#### Westridge Building, Route 31 West, Somerset

2 office suites, each 4 rooms. 1 approximately 1,000 sq. ft.

1 approximately 800 sq. ft. 1 office suite, 2 rooms.

Approximately 450 sq. ft.

#### Northridge Building 1590 N. Center Ave., Somerset

2 areas, approximately 1,300 and 2,000 sq. ft. Several smaller offices.

### Law & Finance Building,

133 W. Main St., Somerset

First floor – approximately 3,300 sq. ft.

Second floor – approximately 1,600 sq. ft.

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### Commercial Space Available

(814) 443-6796

### For rent

Office/warehouse space for rent at 806 Byers Road, Somerset.

Call Stoney Rice at (814) 443-6796

### RE/MAX PREMIER, REALTORS

(814) 445-4748

### 703 S. Center Ave., Somerset

Long-established commercial property. Currently a laundromat and 2 apartments. The first floor laundry is fully equipped with washers, dryers, vending machines, money changers, etc. The second floor has 2 apartments with separate utilities. This property can be used for another type of business, retail, service, food service, etc.

\$129,000

### 7098 Glades Pike, Somerset

Former bar/restaurant. One-story building with 2 restrooms, large open front room, kitchen and large rear room. Currently used as a flea market. Use the kitchen and outside fenced-in area to make a great BBQ place. Could be used for service industry or retail space. Well water, septic, metal roof, large parking area.

Priced to sell.

\$45,700

### 564 Stoystown Road, Somerset

Versatile brick commercial building conveniently located near Route 219. Could be used for retail or distribution. Building area is 3,700 sq. ft. with 3 garage doors and separate loading dock.

The front of the building has a receiving area with large glass windows and offices. Excess land behind building for expansion. Service, automotive, warehouse, retail, or other commercial uses.

\$169,000

### 231 Ord St., Salisbury

Recently renovated 1-story multi-tenant medical/office building built in 1972. The upper level has 5 exam rooms, waiting and receiving rooms, large central nurses' station, conference room, filing room, lab room and two restrooms. The lower level was last used for a dental office. This area contains a reception/waiting room, 3 procedure rooms, lab room, staff room and 2 restrooms. Half of the basement area is storage for files, etc.

Large parking lot, recently paved.

\$189,000

### Office Space Available

(814) 443-4477

### Commercial office space available

Lovely renovated historic building steps from the courthouse. 214 E. Union St., Somerset. Law office of Marci L. Miller.

Call (814) 443-4477 for more information.

### Indian Lake Resort & Banquet Center

(814) 701-8877

### For sale/lease

Indian Lake Resort & Banquet Center. Includes bar/lounge, dining room, banquet center and 32 guest rooms.

Contact (814) 701-8877 or tlstdclair@yahoo.com.

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## Available Commercial Space

### Northwood Realty Services, Somerset Office (814) 443-4858

#### 651 S. Center Ave., Somerset

For lease. Multiple office space near Somerset Hospital. Easy access with off-street parking.

5 units – 2,500 sq. ft. \$1,875. 2,000 sq. ft. \$2,400.  
1,400 sq. ft. \$1,750. 1,200 sq. ft. \$1,500. 128 sq. ft. \$250.

Contact: Ken Halverson

#### 363 W. Main St., Somerset

Restaurant/bar ready for your business. Real estate is \$375,000, PA Liquor License \$45,000, equipment \$30,000. 132 ft. frontage along heavily traveled Main Street with 50 parking spaces.

\$339,000

Available for lease: \$4,000 per month

Contact: Ken Halverson

#### 821 W. Main St., Somerset

Well-maintained large brick building has office space on the main floor and basement. Includes 7 offices, conference room, 2 bedrooms, kitchen and a 2-bedroom apartment. Paved parking in front and rear, including 2 garage bays. High traffic area along Main Street.

\$174,500

Contact: Ken Halverson

#### 267 E. Catherine St., Somerset

Commercial business space available with over 2,600 sq. ft. of space. Two large main areas, 2 bathrooms, 2 fitting rooms and an office. Great visibility at this location.

\$79,000

Contact: Ken Halverson

#### 485 Berlin-Plank Road, Somerset

Adequate parking with aesthetically appealing up-to-date professional offices on a road with good visibility and traffic count. Main level is ADA compliant and houses private offices as well as a conference room, and a pleasant place for a reception to greet your customers or clients. A lower level provides a kitchenette and plenty of space for other uses. Central air, 2 gas furnaces, good lighting, 6 panel doors and good ingress and egress on a corner lot at Berlin-Plank Road and Lynn Avenue.

\$159,000

Contact: Rita Halverson

#### 339 W. Union St., Somerset

Well located away from the hustle and bustle, this 1-story office building stands tall regarding past history, present availability and future possible uses! Good visibility, layout and fenestration and its condition is move-in ready. Includes some off-street parking.

\$178,500

Contact: Rita Halverson

### RMB Realty (814) 444-9400

#### 520 Acres Industrial Land

Route 281 near Route 219 interchange. Public sewer on site. Public water available. State designated Keystone Opportunity Zone. Some infrastructure in place. 3,900 ft. frontage on PA Turnpike.

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Contact: Mike Boland

#### 1986 N. Center Ave., Somerset

Commercial building on a 5.6-acre parcel. 9,000 sq. ft. on 2 floors. Adjacent to Kenny Ross Chevrolet. Ideal for equipment sales/service. Includes loading dock and 2 at-grade overhead garage doors.

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Contact: Mike Boland

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### Howard Hanna Geary Real Estate (814) 445-6587

#### Tabernacle Drive, Somerset

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#### West Main Street, Somerset

4-story office/apartments. 16 apartments. Handicap accessible. Taxes significantly reduced.

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#### 1344 Berlin-Plank Road, Somerset

Fantastic location. 20,000 sq. ft. commercial property. Only limited by imagination.

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Call Jodie Garlitz.

### Commercial Space Available (814) 443-1354/(814) 754-8272

#### Commercial showroom for rent

750 N. Center Ave., Somerset. High-volume traffic next to Maggie Mae's. Formerly Elite Kitchen and Bath.

### Angelitto Passaniti (814) 445-7019

#### For Rent

860 sq. ft. on main floor at 118 W. Main St., uptown Somerset. Includes off-street parking.

### Commercial Space Available (814) 233-1434

#### Office and warehouse rental space

1120 Miller Picking Road, Davidsville. Located off Route 403 and close to U.S. 219 interchange. Includes front entrance with receptionist area, conference room, kitchenette, office space, employee lounge, restrooms and warehouse. Receiving bay with garage door. 18,010 sq. ft. with 2 overhead doors with operators. 3 roof mounted heat and AC. 3 Phase power.

Available for lease February 1, 2018.

#### Land available

7.49 acres at 1120 Miller Picking Road, Davidsville. Great industrial commercial site off Route 403 and close to U.S. 219 interchange. Public sewage and public water.

### Website hits for Nov. 1-Dec. 14, 2017

Total website hits: 4,439

Total pages viewed: 12,355

Total visitors: 3,596

Calendar: 2,378

Home: 1,100



Membership Directory: 418

e-Dispatch: 208

Contact: 204

### Social media likes and followers

 Facebook: 1,968  Twitter: 1,193

 Pinterest: 74  LinkedIn: 201

## Board Member Profile

### Timothy Walters

**Company:** Riverview Wealth Management,  
A Division of Riverview Bank

**Phone:** (814) 701-3503

**Email:** twalters@riverviewbankpa.com

**Educational background:** B.A. in economics from Westminster College, M.A. in economics from Kent State University

#### Work experience:

Current CEO of Riverview Wealth Management.

Former president and CEO of Citizens Neighborhood Bank of Meyersdale and bond trader and investment banker of

Parker/Hunter Incorporated and Mellon Bank.

**Personal background:** Resides at Indian Lake. Serves on the boards of many community organizations, including Somerset Hospital Authority, United Way of the Laurel Highlands, and is active in Rotary Club of Somerset.

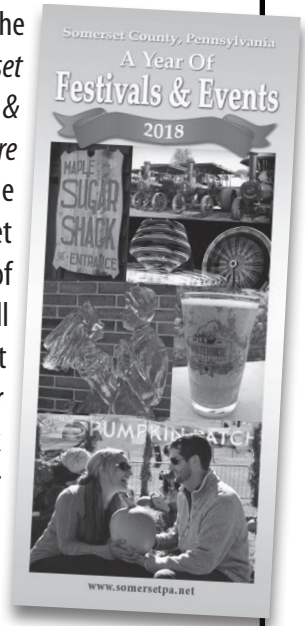
**Interests:** Travel, scuba diving, landscaping, boating  
**Board term:** December 2017 to November 2020



Timothy Walters

## 2018 Somerset County Festivals & Events Brochure available

Copies of the 2018 Somerset County Festivals & Events Brochure are now available at the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce as well as online. Contact the Chamber to request bulk quantities for distribution at your business.



## Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

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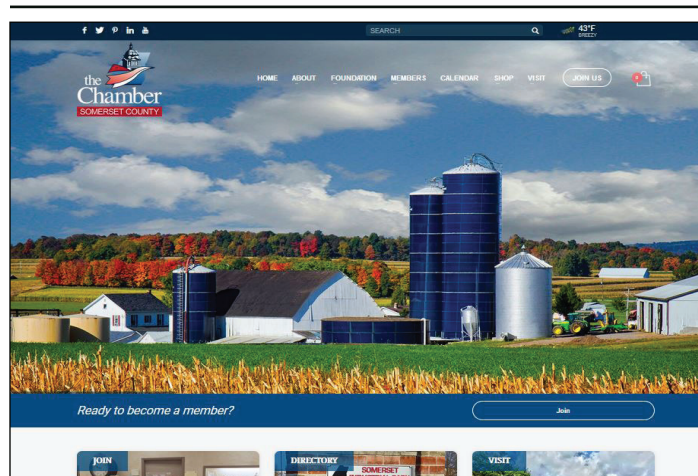
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## Upcoming Chamber events

- Jan. 5** Winter Kickoff, 5 to 8 p.m., Seven Springs Mountain Resort, 777 Waterwheel Drive, Seven Springs
- Jan. 18** News at Noon: Taking Your Business to New Heights, 11:30 a.m., Somerset Country Club, 416 Plank Road, Somerset
- Jan. 24** Fund Raising In the Fastlane, 4 to 6 p.m., ServPro of Somerset County & Westmont, 373 S. Pleasant Ave., Somerset
- Feb. 15** News at Noon: Legislative Update, 11:30 a.m., Somerset Country Club, 416 Plank Road, Somerset



## From WEBSITE, page 1

Chamber.

We hope you'll take a moment or two to visit this new website and to see the improvements that have been made.

When visiting the member directory section, please be

aware that not all member updates for 2018 have been processed at this time. If you have remitted your membership update forms, please be assured that we are working on updating our databases and the website.

