

PROGRESSES



SOMERSET COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Networking Businesses to Enhance Economic Opportunities



NEW FACES AT THE CHAMBER

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JULY - AUGUST
2019



Somerset County's 12th Pittsburgh Zoo Safari

Wednesday, August 14th
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Once again the residents of Somerset County will be able to go to the Pittsburgh Zoo at a discounted rate of \$1 per wristband. A portion of these proceeds will benefit the International Conservation Center in Fairhope. Wristbands are available after July 8th at the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and at all Somerset County branches of Somerset Trust. (Limit of 10 wristbands per family and no refunds). The Chamber will also be organizing bus transportation to and from the zoo. Details to the left.

Bus Transportation from Somerset to Pittsburgh is optional.

Charter Coach: \$24.00 per person

School Bus: \$14.00 per person

(Includes Wristband and Zoo Admission)

NO BUS REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 7TH.

Bus Reservations available at these locations:

Somerset Co. Chamber, Somerset -
814.445.6431

Charter Buses and School Buses.

Buses Board at 3 p.m. Sharp

Depart Georgian Place, Somerset at 3:15 p.m.

Sharp

All Buses Depart from the Zoo at 9:15 p.m.

Sharp

Last Day for Bus Reservations: July 29th.

This event is made possible by:



antique show

More than 100 dealers from three states will converge on the streets of Uptown Somerset for the 49th Annual Somerset Antique and Vintage Fair on August 10th.

This popular show, held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of August each year, annually draws an estimated 5,000 visitors to the region and offers something for everyone, from furniture, toys and sports memorabilia to jewelry, glassware, books and more.

In addition to the antiques on display, the event includes an Antique & Classic Car Show from noon to 2 p.m. in the Somerset Trust Co. parking lot on West Main Street. A variety of food vendors will also be available at various locations during the show.

Admission to the 49th Annual Somerset Antique & Vintage Fair, sponsored by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and Somerset Trust Co., is free and free parking is available on the lower levels of the Somerset County parking garage on East Catherine Street. The event will be held rain or shine and those attending are asked to please leave their pets at home.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the *America's County Gazette*, a publication full of information on this year's street fair as well as upcoming festivals, coupons and more. Copies will be available at the Antique Show as well as at area restaurants and hotels prior to the event.

Vendor spaces are still available by contacting the Chamber at (814) 445-6431. The Chamber is also seeking volunteers to help before, during and after the show. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Chamber.

Leadership graduation

Community leaders came together June 19 at the Somerset County Club to celebrate the 2019 graduating class of Leadership Somerset County. The ceremony was the culmination of the 10-month program for the 16th Leadership class.

Graduating members were: Emily A. Baer, Somerset Rural Electric; Courtney L. Barna, AK Coal Resources, Inc.; Joshua E. Boland, Somerset County Economic Dev. Council; Adam L. Bowers, J & J Truck Bodies & Trailers; Sarah E. Deist, Somerset Hospital; Andrew M. Fedorko, The EADS Group, Inc.; Trisha N. Hottle, Somerset Trust Company; Christine N. Hutzell, Somerset Trust Company; Brian C. Kreger, J & J Truck Bodies & Trailers; Brooke D. McKenzie, Twin Lakes Center; Alex R. Miller, Somerset Hospital; Nathan D. Price, First People's Community FCU; David F. Reeder, Berlin Brothersvalley School District; Cheryl L. Slade, Somerset Area Ambulance Association; James D. Summers, Riggs Foundation; Benjamin D. Tawney, Somerset County Mobile Food Bank; Hannah E. Watkins, Somerset County Child Advocacy Center; Amber M. Weyant, Seven Springs Mountain Resort; Dr. Meghan E. Younkin, Somerset Veterinary Hospital.

The Chamber would like to thank Somerset Trust Co., Seven Springs Mountain Resort, and Riggs Industries for sponsoring the graduation ceremony as well as keynote speaker Ethan Nicholas, President and CEO of Pittsburgh Business Exchange (PBX).

Recruitment is underway for the 2019-2020 class of Leadership Somerset County,

a unique, 10-month program designed to nurture new community and business leaders by providing an overview of specific areas of the region and to prepare them to face future challenges, thereby ensuring Somerset County is led by able, resourceful individuals.

The class begins in September with an overnight retreat. This two-day, team-building session allows participants to meet and bond with their fellow classmates and is facilitated by a professor from Allegany College of Maryland. Their enthusiastic approach sets the tone for the rest of the program.

Other sessions are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month and focus on a variety of topics, including: community and economic development, local government and the judicial system, business development and entrepreneurship, healthcare, education, energy and natural resources, non-profit organizations, and our heritage and quality of life. Each session features qualified panelists who share their expertise in these chosen areas and give complete overviews of the issues they face.

Class participants also take part in community-oriented group projects before the course culminates with a graduation ceremony in June.

For more information on Leadership Somerset County, see the enclosed flyer or contact the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or any Leadership alum.

Scholarships are available for small businesses and non-profit organizations.

Teachers in the workplace

By Ron Aldom
Executive Director,

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce



Ron Aldom

As parents, don't we all want our children to be successful and lead wonderful, fulfilling lives and hopefully provide us the opportunity to be grandparents? A large part of that success story is for them to find a career that pays

well and one that will be here long into the future. There is a misnomer that those careers/professions are only available everywhere but in Somerset County. It was assumed that our children had to leave here and raise their families far from their homeplace and that visiting your grandchildren was now, at least, an overnight trip, instead of a walk across the yard or a short drive. Fortunately, that just isn't true, as there are a multitude of careers and skilled jobs right here in Somerset County and they will be here long into the future.

Jobs are readily available in the skilled trades, such as, welding, machining, distribution, healthcare, transportation, hospitality, finance, mining, and the list continues to grow. Many of these careers only require 1-2 years of education and training and some even can be achieved by on the job training. For those students going on for 4 years or more degrees, those careers are also here in Somerset County. The county is facing a crisis, as Baby Boomers are exiting the workplace faster than those coming into it and our local businesses are all experiencing increased production and sales.

The Chamber has been actively engaged with many of our partners in helping our students learn more about the careers available in the county through many unique and innovative programs throughout the school year. The most recent program is Teacher in the Workplace.

The Chamber and our partners were recently awarded a PA grant to place 25 local teachers in the workplace to get a comprehensive look at the jobs available in the county and the training and education required in those careers. These teachers are giving up their time in the summer to learn more about the careers in the county, so they can better prepare and help our students find rewarding and family sustaining careers here; in Somerset County. Right now, we have teachers from 9 of our 11 school districts participating, so it is a countywide initiative. Our local business community has been equally responsive and have offered their help and assistance for this program. It is a total team effort.

Let's continue our efforts to keep Somerset County a great place to live, work, play and do business (and visit our grandchildren, often).

Maple Syrup Production

In a recent Associated Press article it was stated that U.S. production of maple syrup increased slightly this year, even though the season was shorter than last year's.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said this week the country produced 4.2 million gallons (16 million liters) of the pancake topper, up 1% from 2018.

Somerset County is known for it's maple syrup production and we'd like to highlight two members for making our days sweeter.

Thank you:

Sechler Sugar Shack
7758 Kingwood Road
Confluence, PA 15424
814-395-3200

Wagner's Maple Products
152 Sugar Kamp Lane
Salisbury, PA 15558
814-242-2497



Member News

Raise your glass: Whitehorse Brewing offered a special veterans brew with all the proceeds from the beer sales going to Pennsylvania Veterans Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to Pennsylvania veterans and their families.

Contest winners: Birthright of Somerset Inc. announced their 10th annual essay award winners: 1st place – Amelia Zanoni, Somerset Area High School and 2nd place – Bryia Swick, Meyersdale Area High School. The winners of the t-shirt contest: 1st place – Sydney Hersch, Berlin Brothersvalley High School and 2nd place – Madison Trent, Shanksville-Stonycreek High School.

Jewelry: The Somerset Hospital Auxiliary held a Masquerade Jewelry and Accessories Sale to benefit the Auxiliary's pledge of \$210,000 to provide six new ventilators and two new anesthesia machines to the hospital.

Trade programs endorsed: The Somerset County Technology Center has been endorsed by the Somerset County Builders Association and received state-wide endorsement by the Pennsylvania Builders Association for its carpentry, masonry, and electrical programs.

New manager: West Central Equipment – John Deere has appointed Jim Moon, outside agricultural sales representative as the new manager of the Somerset location.

Donations: The Somerset Fraternal Order of Eagles donated \$5,000 to the Somerset Little League; \$3,000 to the Acosta Volunteer Fire Department; \$3,000 to the Somerset Historical and Genealogical Society; \$3,000 to the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department; \$2,500 to the Somerset County Honor Guard; \$1,600 to Ducks Unlimited; \$1,000 to the Cindy Barron Nursing Scholarship Fund; \$1,000 to the Somerset County Area Agency on Aging, \$1,000 to Gone to the Dogs (a group that raises, trains, and places service dogs with people who have disabilities); \$1,000 to Camp Cadet of Somerset County; and \$1,000 to the Somerset Area Ministries SAM Van program (provides free transportation to medical appointments, visit loved ones in a hospital, or to anyone who needs transportation).

Earth Day: Somerset Inc. and the Mary S. Biesecker Library co-hosted a special Earth Day Trail for kids of the county to have an educational adventure and learn about composting, tree trimming, and recycling.

Mini-grants: The Meyersdale Area School District is providing mini-grants to local educators for classroom equipment, benefiting students in both academics and extracurricular activities.

Lego league: Soroptimist International of Somerset County will make STEAM learning fun for young girls through a local Lego league.

Art projects: Laurel Arts is supporting a Somerset Chamber Leadership team that working to bring large scale art projects to Somerset County, beginning with a highly visible mural depicting the culture and history of Somerset County.

Planting seeds: Nearly 400 volunteers planted 16,800 seedlings over 20 acres at the Flight 93 National Memorial. The goal is to plant 150,000 trees in 10 years.

Over \$1 million: The Taunia Oeschlin Girls Night Out Foundation presented a \$150,000 check to the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center which means that the foundation has now exceeded donating over \$1 million to the center in the past 13 years.

CPP certification: Barnes Saly & Company, P.C. Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) has announced that Jennifer Wagner has earned her Certified Payroll Professional (CPP) certification.

Honored for care: UPMC Somerset physicians, leaders, and clinicians have received the Center of Distinction Award, given to the advanced would care center at UPMC Somerset.

Top design firm: The EADS Group, an engineering, architecture, surveying, and planning firm was recognized by Engineering News-Record as one of the 2019 top 500 design firms.

Gala: Somerset Inc. hosted a charity gala at the Somerset County Courthouse to showcase the classical revival style of Somerset's Nationally Recognized Historic Courthouse.

Farm day: The Somerset County Farm Bureau and the 1889 Foundation co-hosted Farm Safety Day at the Berlin Community Grove.

Spring grant distribution: The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, in partnership with its donors, have awarded \$198,285 through the 2019 Spring Grant distribution benefiting 68 non-profit initiatives.

24th graduating class: Pennsylvania Highlands Community College held it's twenty-fourth commencement ceremony for the graduating class.

Fitness and yoga: The Rockwood Millshoppes has opened a new business, Root to Leaf, to offer yoga, fitness, and wellness classes.

Horse show: The Windber Hospice Horse Show has raised more than \$250,000 in the 17 years since it was founded.

New hires, promotions, and transfers: USSCO Federal Credit Union announced new management, Mindy Rok, Controller; Jessica Lund, Richland Community Office Manager II; Austin Rodgers, Management Trainee; and Michael Cotchen, Staff Accountant.

Awards: Meadow View Nursing Center was recognized with three "Shining Stars" during Nursing Home Appreciation Week. Mary Ann Nist, LPN was honored as Nurse of the Year, Tammy Leister, was honored as Nursing Home Administrator of the year, and Sally McClintock, Director of Business Development was honored as Team Member of the year. The three "Shining Stars" were selected for outstanding service, dedication, leadership and commitment to the facility. The annual Distinguished Service Award program was established by The Guardian Foundation (Meadow View's Non-Profit Owners) to honor outstanding team members for activity(s) and service that go above and beyond routine and whose contributions are of notable benefit to our residents/clients/mission.

Donation: Laurel Arts donated \$1,400 to the Somerset County Mobile Food Banks during the organization's Souper Bowl event. The other half of the funds raised will go to sustain and develop the Laurel Arts pottery studio.

New hire: Somerset County hired new 911 coordinator, Brad Lavan.

Public transportation: Tableland Services has expanded transportation to include five days a week instead of three days using their 16 vans and a shared rider program approach.

Patient advisory council: UPMC Somerset is creating a patient advisory council to improve the patient experience.

First student: A sophomore student has signed up for the new service program at the Somerset County Technology Center that will teach students about the basics of the service industry, touching on things such as culinary skills and hotel and motel maintenance.

Student enrollment: Six students have already been admitted, while five more are testing to be enrolled, into the Clarion University nursing program that will be at the Somerset County Education Center this fall.

Member News

Papercutting art: For the past 10 years Laurel Arts has been the National Museum of the Guild of American Papercutters and to celebrate they held a public reception to display the papercutting artwork.

Symphony: The Johnstown Symphony Orchestra celebrated its 90th anniversary with a performance of "Symphony No. 2," one of the most successful symphonies of Gustav Mahler's career.

Healthy: USSCO Federal Credit Union has been recognized by DepositAccounts.com in 2019 Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in America.

Grants and investments: The United Way of the Laurel Highlands has sent almost \$1 million in grants and investments back into communities in Somerset and Cambria counties.

Donation: Grace United Methodist Church presented a check for \$3,700 to the Somerset Oncology Center's Patient Care Fund in memory of Betty Bruner.

Farmers' market: The Somerset County Farmers' Market is now open for its 14th season located behind Georgian Place near Somerset Lake.

Annual meeting: The Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative held their annual meeting at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

Steam show: The Chickentown Gas & Steam Show may have had their highest attendance for their 2019 event.

New director: Riggs Industries, Inc. hired Eric Knopsnyder as their new Director of Marketing, replacing Shahira Hoffman who is retiring after serving 20 years with the company.

Scholarship: The Somerset County Builders Association announced that Isaiah Paul was the recipient of the 2019 \$1,000 scholarship. Paul will be attending Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA this fall majoring in HVAC Technology.

Promotion: Barnes Saly & Company, P.C, Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), with offices in Johnstown & Somerset, has announced that Jennifer L. Paxton has been promoted to an Accounting Supervisor with the firm.

Staff changes: The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies include promotions for Katrina Perkowsky, now Donor and Development Services Officer, and Marisa Lehman, now Donor Services Associate. They also include the creation of two full-time positions that mark a first in the Foundation's history: a full-time program officer, Angie Berzonski, and a full-time communications officer, Kecia Bal. The Foundation also is adding a new full-time administrative and technology specialist position with the hire of Nick Lech, and Executive and HR Assistant Stephanie Daniels' position will grow to full time.

Reasons to become a Member!

1. Make Business Contacts

The chamber initiates numerous monthly business-to-business opportunities for networking and connecting.

2. Receive Chamber Newsletters

Newsletters provide new member information, interesting information about operating a local business, articles about the local business community, and details about up-and-coming chamber events.

3. Acquire Customer Referrals

Every day, your local chamber receives calls from individuals and businesses looking for referrals of local businesses.

4. Bring Credibility to Your Business

You increase the positive perception among consumers and business owners when you're a member.

5. Increase Your Visibility in the Community

You will be listed in the chamber newsletter, and online directory, and will have the opportunity to be highlighted in other chamber publications. Grow your business by advertising with the chamber and sponsoring events.

6. Networking Opportunities

Chambers have numerous committees and serving on one of them provides additional networking opportunities as well as professional leadership development.

7. Gain a Voice in Government

Chambers of Commerce take on the tough issues and may oppose new regulations, taxes, assessments and costs that will negatively impact small businesses. While you may not personally have the time to get involved, the Chamber will use its resources for the betterment of small business owners.

Member Spotlight - Pile Psychological and Counseling Services

Business: Pile Psychological and Counseling Services

Owners/Managers: Bruce Pile, Owner

Address: 238 W Union St, Somerset, PA 15501

Phone: 814-443-1881

Email: bspile@juno.com

Website: <https://pilepsychological.com/>

Year established: 1996 **Number of employees:** 3

Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Year the business joined the Chamber: the late 1990's

What does the business do? Provides all different types of counseling like marital, depression, children, etc.

How did the business begin? Bruce's brother owned the business then took over when he moved away.

Did you know? All three of his employees have over 30 years experience!

Why is being a Chamber member important? Being a Chamber member lets potential clients know that our business is legitimate and we are able to see what other organizations are doing in the county that might benefit our clients.



Want to see your business or organization featured here? Email info@somersetcountychamber.com.

Members are featured on a first-come, first-serve basis.

New Members

Double T Rentals

Todd Thomas, Owner
680 McKinley Drive
Somerset, PA 15501
814.443.3258
doubletrentals.com
Lodging, Real Estate Development

Highlands Resort Realty

Chris Sherbine, Property Manager
777 Waterwheel Drive
Champion, PA 15622
800.227.7502
highlandsresortrealty.com

Highpoint Electronics dba Highpoint TV & Appliances

Mark Garlitz, Partner
102 S. Grant Street
Salisbury, PA 15558
814.662.2424
highpoint.electronics@comcast.net

Northwinds Golf Club

Timothy Maurer, Director of Golf
701 S. Shore Trail
Central City, PA 15926
814.754.4653
maurer@pga.com
northwindsgolf.com
Outdoor Recreation, Travel & Tourism

Peninsula Golf Club

Timothy Maurer, Director of Golf
1772 Peninsula Drive
Central City, PA 15926
814.754.3461
maurer@pga.com
northwindspeninsulaclub.com
Outdoor Recreation, Travel & Tourism

The Club at Middlecreek/ Middlecreek Golf

Judy Gribbin, Operations Manager
227 Golfers Lane
Rockwood, PA 15557
814.926.2067
judyg@theclubatmiddlecreek.com
Outdoor Recreation

Verizon - Wireless Made Simple

Ryan Hunt, Store Manager
2066 North Center Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501
814.267.5707
somerset@wirelessmadesimple.net
wirelessmadesimple.net
Business Services,
Telecommunications

Paint the Plow

Paint the Plow is a community outreach program in which students are invited to paint a PennDOT snow plow blade with original artwork to represent their individual school. In addition to being visible when in full service during the winter-weather months, the blades will be used within the school's community to enhance public awareness, promote safety, and foster greater appreciation of both PennDOT and the school's art program.

The program is open to high schools and career technical schools in each of PennDOT District 9's six counties: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset.

Once the plow blades are delivered to the schools, they will paint the plows with a winter safety theme. The 2019 theme is "Don't Rush in Ice and Slush." Entries will be

judged through a voting process wherein a panel of judges will vote on the plows in each county. There also will be a "Fan Favorite" determined through a Facebook campaign that is open to the general public.

When the contest is over, the blades will be mounted to a plow truck in the areas of the respective school districts.

For more information on the program please contact Tara Callahan-Henry at tacallahan@pa.gov or by calling 814-696-7101.

Three Somerset County Schools have selected to participate:
Conemaugh Township High School
Somerset County Technology Center
Windber Area High School

CHAMBER MIXERS

SOMERFEST

Friday, July 19th, 4-6 p.m.



Please RSVP by July 11

**SOMERSET SALES
CENTER,
UMH PROPERTIES INC.**
Thursday, August 15th, 5 - 7 p.m.
(Sunny Acres Sales Office
across from WalMart)
Offering tours
of their homes and giveaways.

Please RSVP by August 8

GEORGIAN PLACE

Friday, September 13, 2019
5 PM – 7 PM

Celebrate the 10th Annual
Scarecrow Festival!
Enjoy live music and stroll the
courtyard to see all the scarecrows
on display. Judging begins at 6
PM! Cast your own vote for the
People's Choice Award.

Please RSVP by September 5

Please note: Mixers may be cancelled if a
minimum number of attendees fail to RSVP.
Please be considerate and RSVP at least one
week prior to the scheduled event.



Hello! My name is Emma Pile and I am interning this summer with The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and Somerset Inc. this summer. I graduated from Somerset High School in 2017. I am going into my junior year at Elizabethtown College where I will graduate from in 2021. I am studying communications, theatre, and film studies. At school I enjoy photography club (secretary), a deejay for our radio station, and my two jobs on campus. My honors are being apart of the Colligate Society of Journalists (treasurer) and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. This summer I will be running social media accounts, helping people learn more about Somerset, and helping to organize events for the community.

Three Area Students Named Chamber Scholarship Winners

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce has named Joshua C. Jones, Allison Renee King, and Dawson S. Snyder as recipients of this year's Chamber Scholarship. Each student will receive a \$500 award.

Jones is currently a Sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) and graduated in 2017 from Rockwood Area High School. He is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Geography Society and the Northern Allegheny Geologic Society. Jones has volunteered at the Youghiogheny Dam Reservoir with trout stocking and cage maintenance. Upon graduation from UPJ he will receive a bachelor's degree in earth and energy resources, a geographic information systems certificate, and a minor in geography.

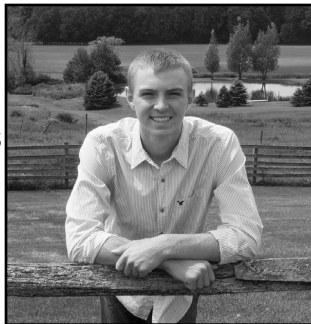
King will be among the 2019 Rockwood Area High School graduation class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, and attends the Freedom Bible Church. King has volunteered at the mobile food bank, cancer society, and has taught preschoolers about the importance of



agriculture during the FFA club meetings. She was honored with the Scholar Athlete, Scholar Tea Receipt, Keystone Degree, Student of the Month, and the Presidential awards. King will be attending Clarion University in the fall where she is enrolled in the nursing program.

Snyder will be graduating from Shanksville-Stony Creek this June. He has volunteered numerous hours for the local tractor show throughout his high school years. Snyder has attended two World Service mission trips, as well as a Pittsburgh mission trip, and continues to volunteer with Red Cross blood drives. He will begin working toward a criminal justice degree this fall at Saint Francis University.

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship is awarded annually to three area students. To be eligible, students must be members of the chamber, a student at a chamber-member school, an employee of a chamber member, the child of a chamber member, or the child of an employee of a chamber member. Additionally, each applicant must complete 20 hours of volunteer work and submit a one-page, 500-word essay detailing how the award will benefit his or her educational pursuits at a chamber-member institution.



Meet the Two New Faces at the Chamber



Hi y'all! My name is Ali Mitchell and I am very excited to be a Chamber intern this summer. Throughout my time here, I will be helping with design work, event planning, and visitor communications. I graduated from Rockwood Area High School in 2015 and from the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and minors in Journalism and Integrated Marketing Communications, in May of 2019. While at Ole Miss, I was active in my sorority, Pi Beta Phi (Membership Committee, Historian, Dance Chair and Ritual Committee), Gamma Sigma Alpha National Greek Honor Society (President – 2 years), RebelTHON (Finance Committee, Special Events Committee), Ole Miss Student Dance Ensemble, and IASA: English Clusters. My honors include: University of Mississippi Who's Who Class of 2019, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Rho Lambda Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, Order of Omega, Chancellor's and Dean's List honoree, and Provost Scholar. Upon completion of this internship, I will be moving to Orlando, Florida for the Disney College Internship Program, and then begin my Masters in Integrated Marketing Communications at West Virginia University (WVU) in January. I am thrilled to spend my summer in beautiful Somerset County – and out of the Southern heat!

Visitors Bureau Expanding Tour Offerings

New Farm-to-Table Tour

After the sold-out success of May's Journey of Self: A Wellness Tour of the Laurel Highlands, the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau (LHVB) is pleased to present a new farm-to-table tour, scheduled for Aug. 24, 2019.

The full-day group tour, "Rustic Retreat: A Farm-to-Table Tour in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands," encourages participants to take the scenic route to some of the finest countryside in Pennsylvania, experience local dairy farms, historic maple camps, the legacy of agriculture, and stunning scenery on this fun educational tour. Planned stops include Scenic View at Laurel Hill State Park, Moo Echo Dairy, Somerset Historical Center, Brantview Farms, Faranda Farm, and Friendship Farms.

This farm-to-table tour will be the second public tour of its kind organized and hosted by the LHVB. Tour services are generally prepared by LHVB staff and offered to group tour operators and regional tourism partners, including the annual Backyard Tour.



"Following on the sold-out success of our May wellness tour, this is sure to delight all foodies among us," said Ann Nemanic, Executive Director, LHVB. "The natural topography of the Laurel Highlands lends itself to successful growing of many farm-fresh items. From honey to berries, naturally raised grass-fed beef, fresh ground flour, and other delectable goodies, our Rustic Retreat tour will be like spending an entire day at a fabulous farmers' market. The ride, the experiences, and the memorable morsels equal a recipe of enjoyment."

"Rustic Retreat: A Farm-to-Table Tour in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands," includes all activities, on-board refreshments, healthy snacks, and two locally-sourced meals for \$100 per person. Participants can receive a \$5

discount for commitment to bring a reusable water bottle. Register online at <https://www.laurelhighlands.org/plan/scenic-tours/agricultural-tour/>. This is a family-friendly tour. All participants are welcome to bring along their own snacks and refreshments for the day. Maximum capacity for this event is 48 participants. Registration closes Aug. 12, 2019.

Participants will be picked up at 8:45 a.m. Holiday Inn Express and Suites Donegal, located at 3695 State Route 31, Donegal, PA 15628. The tour bus will return guests at 7:30 p.m., to the same location. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable active layers and bring a change of clothes for the dinner event. While Wi-Fi will be available on the motorcoach, participants are encouraged to unplug for the day and immerse themselves in the experience.

Somerset County Night at the Altoona Curve Game

Calling all baseball fans! The Altoona Curve invites Chamber members and Somerset County residents to Peoples Natural Gas Field, Altoona, for Somerset Community Night July 26.

Not only will fans see the Double-A Pittsburgh Pirates' affiliate team take on the Richmond Flying Squirrel's, at 7 p.m., they can also stay for fireworks after the game. Children are invited to run the bases at game's end, too.

Corporate ticket packages are available, and individual tickets are \$7. All proceeds from Somerset Community Night will benefit The Next Step Center.

For additional details, contact Jade Giantini, Altoona Curve manager of partnership services, at (814) 283-3112 or jgiantini@altoonacurve.com.

See you at the ballpark!



Albuquerque Balloon Festival with Sante Fe



In Albuquerque you can experience the opening ceremonies and the mass ascension, where hundreds of hot air balloons take off and turn the sky into a virtual rainbow of colors. Visit the International Balloon



Museum, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and then see the Balloon Glow and the after-glow fireworks show at the Balloon Fiesta. Then travel along the Turquoise Trail to Sante Fe while passing through the foothills of the Sandia Mountains. For more information or to secure your trip, please contact Cynthia Watters at 814-266-5070.

Ribbon Cutting and Open House Celebrations



Drayer Physical Therapy

Pictured: (LtoR) Kevin Conlon, Drayer; Heidi Fleegle, Drayer; Landon Wahl, Drayer; Zachary Rummel, Drayer; Ron Aldom, Chamber Director; Regina Coughenour, Somerset Inc.; Lladel Lichty, Chamber Ambassador; Gerald Walker, Somerset County Commissioner; Brenda Thomas, Representation from Senator Stefano.



Shoe Sensation

Pictured: (LtoR) Loretta Wilmoth, Chamber Volunteer; Sharon Clapper, Chamber Ambassador; Flor Hernandez, Asst. Manager at Shoe Sensation; Debbie Custer, Manager at Shoe Sensation; Ron Aldom, Chamber Director; Kathy Martz, Shoe Sensation; David Bateman, Shoe Sensation; Ally Link, Representation from Senator Stefano.



Verizon - Wireless Made Simple

From left to right: Michael Ryan, solution specialist, Michael Panicali, solution specialist, Zachary Reese, district manager; Ron Aldom, chamber executive director; Ryan Hunt, store manager; Connor Nikita, solution specialist, John Polny, regional manager; Mikel Vaughn, chamber board director/member.

Festivals & Events

July

Somerfest

July 19-21

Laurel Arts, Somerset

(814) 443-2433 laurelarts.org

Parade, music, food and art vendors, fun for the whole family!

Chalk the Block Festival

July 27-28

Streets of Uptown Somerset

(814) 443-1748 somersetinc.org/

chalktheblock

Live art, sidewalk murals, free art spaces, children's activities and more!



August

19th Annual Stoystown Lions Antique Tractor Festival

August 1-4

359 North Club Road, Stoystown

(814) 341-9593 stoystownlions.org

Tractor parade, rides and pulls, sawmill demonstrations, entertainment, vendors, great food!



Rib & Wing Festival

August 2-4

Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Seven Springs

(814) 352-7777 7springs.com

Delicious BBQ from the country's best ribbers, live music!

49th Annual Somerset Antique Show

August 10

Streets of Uptown Somerset

(814) 445-6431 somersetpa.net

Nearly 100 dealers displaying quality antiques and collectibles, free admission, food vendors. Antique & Classic Car Show.

Laurel Highlands Garlic Festival

August 17-18

Faranda Farm, Hollsopple

(814) 479-7109 farandasfamilyfarm.com

Garlic food, vendors, chef demonstrations, entertainment, garlic growing seminar.

Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival

August 17-18

Laurel Hill State Park, Somerset

(814) 445-7725 laurelhillbluegrass.com

Bluegrass music, reenactor village, vendors and much more! Free admission!

119th Somerset County Fair

August 17-24

Somerset County Fairgrounds, Mercersburg

(814) 634-5619 somersetcountyfairpa.com

Showcase of agriculture and youth carnival, grandstand shows, exhibit livestock.

Fall Gospel Music Festival

August 30-September 2

Camp Harmony, Hooversville

(814) 798-5885 campharmony.org

Great music, fun and food for the whole family!

Chamber Store



Did you know you can now place orders for brochures, Somerset County maple syrup, books

and other merchandise online?

The Chamber's new website, launched earlier this year, now offers visitors the ability to place orders online for a variety of items, including:

- Somerset County maple syrup;
- America's County® items;
- a variety of Somerset County books;
- Great Allegheny Passage merchandise;
- postcards;
- select Somerset County-related brochures;
- relocation packets and more.

Visit somersetcountychamber.com/our-store to start your shopping experience now. Don't want to wait for it to arrive by mail? Visit the Chamber to purchase or pick up the same items yourself.

Stumped on gift ideas?

Local Loot

A great gift for

- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Employee incentives
- Retirement
- Just because

Accepted at more than 50 area businesses

Certificates on sale at the Chamber.

Instructions on accepting Local Loot

Business owners and managers - be sure your employees know how to accept Chamber Local Loot gift certificates.

1. Check the expiration date before accepting any gift certificate. Local Loot checks are good for ONE YEAR from the date of issue listed on the check. Any expired checks accepted by a business will not be redeemed.

2. Local Loot should be deposited into your daily deposit, just like a regular check. You will receive 100 percent of the face value of the check.

3. We suggest that change NOT be given unless at least 80 percent of the value of the check will be used during the transaction. Local Loot gift certificates should not be redeemed for cash.

For additional information, contact the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce at (814) 445-6431 or info@somersetcountychamber.com.

Member-2-Member Discounts



Indian Lake Marina (814) 754-4975

Chamber members and their employees can receive 20% off boat rentals Monday-Thursday and 10% Friday-Sunday with this coupon. Excludes holidays.
info@indianlakemarina.com

Duppstadt's Country Store (814) 754-4400

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

A-1 Garage Doors & Openers (814) 443-1413

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.

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.

Duppstadt's Country Store (814) 754-4400

Receive 10% off Fiesta Ware table settings with coupon (lowest price).

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Call (814) 445-6431.

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. 800-869-7521

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

Alluring Edge Hair & Nail Salon (814) 701-2883

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

Damin Printing Company LLC (814) 615-9138

10% discount offered to any new customer on their first embroidered or printed clothing order. Email jason@daminprinting.com to schedule an appointment at your place of business.

RPM Signs (814) 288-1561

10% off your next purchase of promotional products. Visit
minahansigns.com/promotional_items to view our full line.

Available Commercial Space

RE/MAX PREMIER, REALTORS

(814) 445-4748

564 Stoystown Rd., Somerset

Versatile brick commercial building conveniently location near Rt. 219. Could be used as 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

13 & 15 First St., Cairnbrook

Personal Care home approximately 20 years old but has never been occupied. There are 13 private rooms - 10 have private full baths, 3 have a 1/2 bath, and 1 has a handicap accessible bath. Kitchen and dining area to serve all residents, in-house laundry, meeting room, and visitors lobby. There is a separate house on site for staff housing and offices. Paved parking. Sitting vacant for many years, this home will need some repairs. The current owner was planning an Alzheimer's Care Facility. Possible apartments or treatment center.

\$325,000

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.

\$2,000,000

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.

\$335,000

Contact: Mike Boland

Uptown Works

(814) 701-0762 www.uptownworks.co

Offices For Rent

109 E. Main St., Somerset

Furnished, all inclusive/full service gross lease private offices, 100-115 sq. ft. Flexible terms. Includes internet, use of meeting rooms, and office supplies. Professionally managed, secure building with elevator.

\$400/month

Meeting Rooms

109 E. Main St., Somerset

Meeting rooms in secure, professionally managed building with elevator. Great uptown location and views. Wifi access for guests. Flexible seating for 6-25. Affordable rates and monthly packages available.

Commercial Space Available

109 E. Main St., Somerset

Open desk office space with daily/weekly/monthly terms. All-inclusive pricing with internet, office supplies, printing, and meeting rooms. Great for start-ups and visiting or temporary workers. Secure, professionally managed building with elevator.

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.

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.

Will remodel as needed.

All available at very favorable lease terms.

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 tlstclair@yahoo.com.

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(814) 445-7019

For Rent

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

The Chamber Classifieds

KASHURBA WEB DESIGN GROUP LLC

Offering professional website redesign services. Our websites are custom designed, optimized to show up on Google, affordable to maintain and easy to update! We also build business Facebook pages and provide Internet marketing services. We've been building websites in Somerset for over six years. Our office is located on South Center Avenue in Somerset.

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Available Commercial Space

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
The Preferred Realty
(814) 443-4858

614 S. Franklin Avenue, Somerset

Amazing commercial opportunity, 2-story, 9464 sq. ft. building consists of 4 different office suites with large entry way leading to elevator access. This professional space will make a business person proud to own.
 \$375,000
 Contact: Ken Halverson

398 W. Patriot St., Somerset

Large 2,577 sq. ft. brick building located in the heart of Somerset. Currently operating as an antique store. Includes 2-car garage, off-street parking and apartment on 2nd floor with large deck. Abundance of possibilities.
 \$67,000
 Contact: Ken Halverson

374 West Main Street, Somerset

Approx. 32,000 sq. ft. commercial property with high visibility and endless possibilities. Currently housing numerous tenants with different businesses as well as an apartment space. Includes 20 off street parking spaces.
 \$329,900
 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 rooms, 2 restrooms, kitchen and a 2-bedroom apartment. Paved parking in front and rear including 2 garage bays. High-traffic area along Main Street.
 \$149,900
 Contact: Ken Halverson

105 E. Main St., Somerset

Turn-key business opportunity in the heart of Somerset! This restaurant is well recognized around town with additional dining room on 2nd floor as well as outdoor dining. Third floor apartment. All restaurant equipment included.
 \$239,000
 Contact: Ken 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.
 \$175,500
 Contact: Rita Halverson

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.

Howard Hanna Geary Real Estate
(814) 445-6587

Somerset Pike, Boswell

#2480C Restaurant/lounge opportunity. Parking for 75+ cars, restaurant seating capacity of 230, bar seating of 30+. Banquet facilities, private rooms for larger parties.
 \$189,900

Call Joe Geary for all the details.

Business Opportunity

#2567C A great investment for an entrepreneur with over 6000 sq feet! Store/Deli area, 5 garage bays, office space, and plenty of storage on this 2.4999 acre parcel. Has been the home to a service station for many years, a must have for any small town! Lots of potential to grow your mechanic business, sell fuel and have a nice lunch counter. Current business sells fuel and off-road diesel.
 \$155,000 Call and ask for Jodie Garlitz

2576C - Income producing trailer park in the country. 12 lots on 10 acres of ground, currently 6 leased spots with 6 available. Enough ground on two separate locations to build a home. Current owner charges \$180 lot rent and the renters own their mobile homes.
 \$138,000 Call for details from Jodie Garlitz

2520M - RENTERS - PRODUCE INCOME 4 Unit apartment building, also includes one rented mobile home pad. Good rental history. \$119,000 Call Connie Weyant only for a private showing.

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.

Office Space For Rent
(814) 444-9070

Office space for rent

1,100 sq. ft. space for rent at Suite 109 in the Georgian Place, Somerset.
 For more information, call (814) 444-9070.

Showcase your business 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 Acacia at
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Advertise your commercial property in this section for free!
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Website hits for May

People visiting: 4,467
Total pages viewed: 17,763

Calendar: 2,876

Home: 1,942

Tourism: 937

Event - Memorial Day: 785

Member Directory: 559

Event - Chickentown: 465

Social Media Stats

Facebook: 2,681 (likes)

Twitter: 1,282 (followers)

LinkedIn: 292 (followers)

Pinterest: 771 (average views)

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Upcoming Chamber Events

July 19	Somerfest Chamber Mixer
July 26	Somerset County Night at the Altoona Curve Game
August 10	Antique and Vintage Fair - Somerset
August 14	Somerset County Pittsburgh Zoo Trip
August 15	Somerset Sales Center, UMH Properties Inc Mixer
September 13	Georgian Place Mixer

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