

# CHAMBER CONNECTION

## Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

### NEW MEMBERS

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JULY & AUGUST  
EDITION 2023

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce is looking for artisans to showcase their painting, artwork, pottery, woodworking, jewelry making, etc. at the Antiques, Artisans, and Ales event on August 12th, 2023 on the streets of Somerset.

This year we have expanded the annual antique show and we will be mixing it up a bit to draw more vendors to the event. so we'll be including a juried arts & crafts section on Main Street and some of our local breweries in Trinity Park along with local entertainment.

Something new you may want to participate in – we will be holding a contest for the most interesting and unique repurposed item. Leadership Somerset County will be handling the contest and you may reach out to them at 814-445-1530. The annual event offers free admission and an antique car show during the middle of the day, sponsored by Somerset Trust Company. For artisans, antique dealers, and food vendor information, please call the chamber directly with questions, 814-445-6431.



### **The Chamber Welcomes Intern Hind Achouri**

My name is Hind Achouri. I'm currently a student at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, where I'm majoring in Business Administration and Bookkeeping. I'm in the class of 2024. I'm really passionate about numbers and I can't wait to start my own online bookkeeping business one day. I graduated high school overseas in Algeria, which was an amazing life experience. I've always loved traveling, and it actually made me fluent in three languages - French, Arabic, and English- I'm also currently working on improving my Spanish language skills and hope to become fluent in the near future. When I'm not studying or working on my professional goals, I love to read books. Mystery novels are my favorite, and they've inspired me to start solving crime cases as a hobby. It's a unique hobby, but I find it so interesting. I have a lot of long-term and short-term goals, but my main focus right now is my summer internship at The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce. Being a new resident of Somerset County, I've been able to discover a lot of hidden gems about this beautiful area. My internship team are amazing. Sandy, Ron, and Patty are always helpful and I learned and still learning a lot from them. That's why I think interning at the Chamber of Commerce would be a great opportunity for me to learn even more about the local businesses, community, and also a great opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience in the business world. I'm excited to see where my passions and hard work will take me in the future.



### Visitors Guide & County Map



The Chamber has the latest Somerset County Visitor Guides and County Map in the office. Stop in or contact the chamber for your copy. The Guide has the latest map, and covers Attractions & Historical Sites, Festivals and events, Lodging & Outdoor, Shopping, Real Estate & Rentals, Health & Wellness, and plenty of other Specialty Resources.



**Congratulations Leadership  
Somerset County Class of  
2023!**

**See enclosed flyer for  
information on the  
2023-2024 upcoming class.**

# New Members

## High Flow Funding, LLC

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## Indian Lake Borough

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Central City, PA 15926  
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Fax: 814-267-33466  
Mayor@indianlakepa.gov  
www.indianlakepa.gov



## Laurel Highlands Gymnastics

Aubrey Sacco, Owner  
120 Bunyan Drive  
Somerset, PA 15501  
814-417-1356  
lhgym2022@gmail.com  
lhgymnastics.com

Laurel Highlands Gymnastics, established in 2022, is a gymnastics facility and ninja warrior gym located right in the heart of the Laurel Highlands. Currently we offer preschool, recreational and competitive gymnastics; along with warrior and tumbling classes for every one!

Our Mission is to prepare our students for a lifetime of success by developing their dreams and talents by building their spirit through the teaching of gymnastics by using positive reinforcement and encouragement delivered by knowledgeable, well-trained staff to become happy, healthy, successful athletes.

This program will allow your child to develop their confidence, poise, individuality, mental and physical strength, determination, and self-respect.



**LAUREL HILL  
BLUEGRASS  
FESTIVAL**

**Free Admission ★ August 19-20, 2023**

**LAUREL HILL STATE PARK** [www.laurelhillbluegrass.com](http://www.laurelhillbluegrass.com)

Promoting Hope, Wellness, Choice, and Independence in our Community



## Bedford-Somerset Developmental & Behavioral Health Services

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For application details, contact [Jennifer.Georg@dbhs.co](mailto:Jennifer.Georg@dbhs.co) or call 814-701-2909.

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Learn more about us at [www.dbhs.co](http://www.dbhs.co)

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**Somerset Office ■ The Bennett Building**  
245 West Race Street, Somerset, PA 15501  
Phone (814) 443-4891  
Toll Free (877) 814-4891



## Rockwood Legion Riders Cancer Ride

August 19th, 2023

Registration - 9 to 10:45 a.m.

Kickstands Up - 11 a.m.

\$25 Rider

\$15 Passenger

Register by calling 814-701-7620 or 814-926-4136

A fundraising motorcycle ride to benefit local cancer patients.

Starting at the Rockwood Fire Hall - all vehicles welcome!

After Party at the Rockwood Veterans Club

August 19 - 4 p.m.

Cover \$15

136 Rockdale Road, Rockwood

The after party include food, music, basket raffle (drawing at 6 p.m.), games of chance, and much more.

## Pictures From The Elephants In Somerset Business Event



## Are you ready for some football? We certainly are!



By Eric Knopsnyder,

Go Laurel Highlands Pennsylvania

Following one successful pro football team partnership last season, GO Laurel Highlands is going for two this fall. The official destination marketing organization for Somerset, Fayette and Westmoreland counties is partnering with Pittsburgh's Black and Gold this season, giving fans the opportunity to see and hear more about the recreational assets of our wonderful region.

Somerset County is only about a three hour drive from Baltimore, making it a perfect drive-to destination for Baltimore sports fans.

"GO Laurel Highlands was thrilled with the results of last year's professional football campaign in Baltimore, which included a full slate of advertising throughout the season on all platforms. The combination of digital ads, the team's website, in-stadium signage, social and email campaigns, capped off with an onsite activation at M&T Stadium and a website takeover, really moved the needle for website traffic from the Baltimore area" said Laura Argenbright, director creative strategy and marketing for GO Laurel Highlands.

The marketing mission paid immediate dividends, with a 142% increase in GO Laurel Highlands' website traffic from Baltimore in the weeks surrounding the game, and the team's website ranked sixth in referrals to [golaurelhighlands.com](http://golaurelhighlands.com) from Oct. 1 to Jan. 5. Adding the Pittsburgh partnership is the next step GO Laurel Highlands' game plan.

"Our goal is to bring outside visitors to the region," Argenbright said, "and with 4.6 million Black and Gold fans in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, we can spread our message to key target audiences while solidifying our position in the western PA sports marketing landscape."

Pittsburgh football fans will find an exciting GO Laurel Highlands' booth at Saint Vincent's training camp in Latrobe this summer, with a selfie-station, alumnus signing, and a game ticket giveaway. GO Laurel Highlands is also the presenting sponsor of training camp coverage on the official radio station of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Starting July 1, fans will be encouraged to come to training camp and explore the surrounding destinations. Strong messaging will continue during football season with promotions that highlight what fans say they want most on leisure trips: lakes and mountains, outdoor activities, spa and health, and skiing and snowboarding – all things that the Laurel Highlands can deliver.

## Somerset Fireworks and Community Activities!

July 3, 2023 - The Somerset community is gearing up for an unforgettable Independence Day celebration with a public fireworks display on July 3rd. The event, organized by the Somerset Kiwanis Club in collaboration with local sponsors, promises an evening of fun, food, and entertainment for families and friends.

Starting at 6:30 PM, the festivities will kick off at the Football Field, located on Franklin Ave in Somerset. Attendees can indulge in a variety of delectable treats from renowned local vendors such as Skinny's BBQ, Blanca Martin Shaved Ice, Domino's Pizza, and Mountain Kettle Corn. With an array of mouthwatering options available, there's something to satisfy every palate.

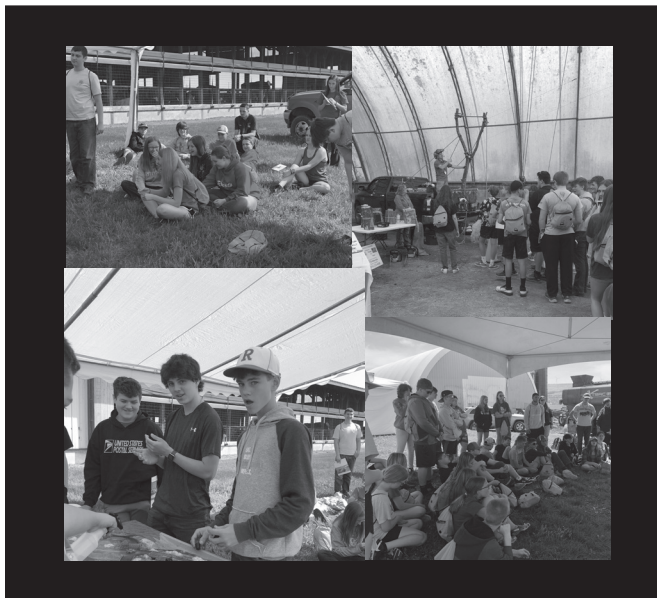
In addition to the culinary delights, there will be several engaging activities for all ages. The Kiwanis Club will be distributing free books, fostering a love for reading within the community. The Somerset County Library will also be present, offering information on its services and resources. Moreover, visitors will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the Josh Dunmyer Race team's car, and DJ RobRoy along with Somerset Trusts Mascot will keep the atmosphere alive with an eclectic mix of tunes throughout the evening.

For those who cannot attend the event in person, Union and Main will be providing a live stream of the festivities, allowing everyone to join in the celebration from the comfort of their homes. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our sponsors, whose generous support has made this event possible. We extend our gratitude to the Riggs Family Foundation, Somerset Trust, Luther P. Miller, Fetterof Foundation, Kiwanis, Somerset Inc, Somerset Borough, First Peoples Credit Union, Morocco

Welding, Serve Pro Somerset, One Stop Auto, Mikolich Realty Team, Karyn Belardi Realtor, Jim and Sueann Fitch, Barbera Law, Guy Chemical, Bull's Eye Security, Mosholder Insurance, Beth Maul, First Summit Bank, Stahls Jewelry, Memorial Highway, Josh Dunmyer Racing, Midas Muffler, Palguta, Yutzy Co., Rotary, Kovals Fundraising, Rose and Joe Svanavec, Fike Cascio Boose, Business Services by Roz, Jaycees, and live stream sponsor George and Bobs Computer Service.

For those intrested in contributing or volenteering, please contact the The Somerset Kiwanis at [Somersetkiwanisclub@gmail.com](mailto:Somersetkiwanisclub@gmail.com). Your involvement will undoubtedly help create a fantastic family event for everyone to enjoy.

## Somerset County's Agriculture Career Day



### Recent Trends in Employee Benefits

The latest trend in employee benefits is a shift towards more personalized and flexible offerings that cater to the needs and preferences of individual employees. This trend is being driven by several factors, including the growing importance of work-life balance, the rise of the gig economy, and changing demographics in the workforce.

One example of this trend is the increasing popularity of "cafeteria-style" benefits plans, which allow employees to choose from a menu of options to create a personalized benefits package. This can include options such as health insurance, retirement plans, and wellness programs, as well as more unconventional benefits such as pet insurance or paid time off for volunteering.

Another trend is the focus on mental health and well-being. Many companies are recognizing the importance of supporting employees' mental health and are offering benefits such as access to counseling services, mindfulness and meditation programs, and flexible work arrangements.

Finally, companies are also recognizing the importance of financial wellness and are offering benefits such as student loan repayment assistance, financial planning services, and access to low-interest loans.

Overall, the latest trend in employee benefits is a move towards more personalized, flexible, and holistic offerings that reflect the changing needs and priorities of today's workforce.

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce offers its members access to My Benefit Advisor as a solution for employee benefits, including voluntary offerings. For more information about My Benefit Advisor, visit our website at [somco.mybenefitadvisor.com](http://somco.mybenefitadvisor.com) or contact Jim Pitts at (800) 377-3539.

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# Available Commercial Space

**Realy One Group Landmark**  
Call or Text Lee Hoffman,  
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## 107 W Patriot Street Somerset

This beautiful Queen Anne's Style Victorian home features a conical tower with great views of Somerset. The home has 7 bedrooms & 5 bathrooms along with 3 kitchen areas. Property could be returned to personal residence, B&B, event center, or whatever you can dream!

**\$100,000**

## 130 Center St, Meyersdale

The Morguen Toole Company Hotel. Wedding and event center, Restaurant and bar with commercial kitchen. 8 short-term rental units sleep 26 guests. Amazing period features throughout have been meticulously maintained and restored.

**Berkshire Hathaway Home Services**  
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## 562 Berlin Plank RD Somerset- Menser Golf

Operating business. This has been a local putt putt favorite for nearly 50 years. Over 2 acres w/ parking lot

**\$90,000**

## 508 Alpine rd, Boswell

Banquet Hall Lodge At Laurel Mtn. This 8000 Sq Ft Space Features Bar & Kitchen Area, Locker Rooms, In ground Pool, & Sports Courts. 11.36 Acres With 10 Buildable Lots. Public Water, Sewer, & Gas.

**\$650,000**

## 456 W Main ST Somerset

Beautifully Appointed 4 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Brick home w/ 3 Unit Apartment Building To The Rear. Additional Commercial Business Space & Large Garages. 3/4 Acre Lot With Lots Of Parking.

**290,000\$**

**Office Space Available**  
(814) 243-3755

## Commercial office space available

Location is 415 Park Place Windber, PA 15963 Approx. 2050 Sq. Ft. Vault, Drive Thru Window, 4 Teller Stations, 2 Private Offices, 2 Restrooms, Kitchen/Breakroom, New Carpet, New Entry Doors, Freshly Painted, Includes Parking lot and Sidewalk Maintenance., Snow removal, Shoveling and Salting, Water and Sewage.

Contact Tracy at 814-243-3755

**Your commercial property ad here for free!**  
(814) 445-6431

**RE/MAX PREMIER, REALTORS**  
(814) 445-4748

## 104 Middle Meadow Ave., Somerset

Commercial, one-story, brick building in a heavy traffic area. Includes entry area, waiting room, 2 large rooms, 1/2 bath and rear shop with loading dock. Perfect building and location for any retail-type business. **\$250,000**

## 506 Main Street, Rockwood

Move in ready! This building currently is made up of three units with 4,310 sq. feet of space. The hostel provides accommodations for up to 24 people which include three bathrooms. An apartment is currently used for short term rentals and sleeps up to six people. A three-bedroom apartment on the second floor is currently rented month to month. The building is well maintained and includes all furniture and appliances. **\$350,000**

## 610 N. Center Ave, Somerset

Main floor was previously used for a printing business. There is a 1 bedroom apartment on the second floor. Building needs total renovation.

**\$80,000**

## 209 Georgian Place, Somerset

Large commercial space with 5,671 sq. ft. and is primarily open with five private offices, handicap restrooms, a conference room, and a lunchroom. The space was recently used as a call center and has approximately 22 workstation cubicles wired for phones and computers. These stations could be easily removed and the area could be utilized for retail, service, or professional use. The front entrance is attractive with two separate entry doors that would allow the space to be divided into separate units. The rear entry provides access for employees or shipping and receiving. The monthly maintenance fee provides ample parking and snow removal. **\$449,000**

## 530 North Center Ave, Somerset

Professional Office building located on the most heavily travelled street in Somerset, near the Courthouse and other local businesses. This building has 2,958 sq. feet with a waiting room, a large conference room, a reception office, a clerical staff area, a small conference room on the 2nd floor, 4 private offices, a break room/ kitchenette area, two and a half bathrooms and a third story one bedroom apartment with a kitchen and bathroom. This location is zoned commercial and is perfect for another professional business. **\$200,000**

**Uptown Works - Office Space Available**  
(814) 701-0762

## Office Space for Rent

Office space located in the heart of Somerset, PA! This beautifully restored building offers unique office spaces with plenty of amenities for individuals and small businesses alike. Our coworking and private office spaces are designed to fit your needs, with options for both shared and private workspaces. Enjoy 24-hour access and take advantage of our wellness benefits, meeting rooms, printing services, marketing programs, and off-street parking options. We pride ourselves on offering affordable membership costs with no lease requirements, making it easy for you to get started and grow your business. Come experience the character and charm of the former Arlington Hotel, and join our community of professionals today. Hourly, daily, and monthly rental options to fit your needs. Contact us to schedule a tour and learn more about our available spaces.

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## 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

**Commercial Space Available**  
(814) 279-6965

## Commercial Space For Lease

Historical log commercial building with great visibility, located on Main/ Diamond Street Berlin directly on Flight 93 bike path. Two working stone fireplaces, commercial kitchen, conference room/ dining room 375sq. ft., plus approximately 1200 sq ft. On the first floor. many options to consider including: Professional offices, senior day center, educational services, shoppes, salon, spa, bookstore, etc. ADA accessible.

**Office Space Available**  
(814) 445-8558

## Office Space for Rent

First Floor office space for rent in Somerset Boro (403 W. Union St.) Nice sized 1500 sq. ft space with multiple offices, conference room, kitchen, and basement space. Please call 814-445-8558 to inquire.



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### Upcoming Events

July 14, 15 & 16, Friday- Sunday Seven Springs Rib  
& Wing Festival

July 21-23, Friday- Sunday Maple City Tractor Show  
in Meyersdale Fairgrounds

July 22-23, Saturday & Sunday Chalk The Block  
Festival in Historic Uptown Somerset

August 3-6, 21st Annual Stoystown Lions Antique  
Tractor Festival

August 12- Saturday, Antiques, Artisans, & Ales  
Streets of Uptown Somerset

August 17-26 Somerset County Fair

August 19- Saturday Rockwood Legion Riders Cancer  
Ride

August 19-20, Saturday & Sunday Laurel Hill  
Bluegrass Festival

August 25,26 & 27, Friday- Sunday Seven Springs  
Wine Festival- 30th Anniversary

September 6-10, Wednesday- Sunday Farmers and  
Threshermens Jubilee

September 8-10, Friday - Sunday, Mountain Craft  
Days

September 13, Chamber Open Fore Business  
Golf Tournament

### 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.

