



SOMERSET COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Networking Businesses to Enhance Economic Opportunities



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The Megashow Home, Garden, & Business Expo, hosted by the Somerset County Builders Association (SCBA) and the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, returns March 23-24 to the Summit Plaza on North Center Avenue, Somerset.

The Megashow grows each year in popularity and now draws more than 2,000 attendees who shop from and visit a variety of businesses, vendors and organizations. Last year vendor spaces sold out more than a month in advance; in order to accommodate the growing vendor list the floor plan has been redesigned to showcase more vendors. Now in its eighth year, the expo always features something for everyone including, home improvement ideas, product demonstrations, children's activities, a food court, prize drawings and more.

Admission to the show, open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23 and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, is \$3 per person. Children 12 and under are free.

Exhibitor registration information will be available on the SCBA and Chamber websites. Megashow sponsorships are available, including businesses not planning to be exhibitors. Contact Karl Glessner at somersetcountymegashow@gmail.com for exhibitor information. For other details on the Megashow, visit the Megashow event page on Facebook, or contact the Chamber at 814.445.6431, info@somersetcountychamber.com.

Megashow Preview

See the Megashow before the doors open to the general public during the Megashow Preview from 5 to 7 p.m. March 22. Bring your friends, staff, and clients to see the show while enjoying new networking opportunities, great food, prize drawings, and more.

As an added bonus, the culinary students from the Somerset County Technology Center will be preparing the night's hors d'oeuvres. To say thank you, a portion of the entrance fee with benefit the SCTC culinary program.

Admission to the Megashow Preview is \$5 per person if the reservation is made in advance of March 21, \$10 per person at the door. Admission cost includes entrance to the show and refreshments. Sponsorships are available and gives you the opportunity to showcase your business with signage, pre and post event marketing, and 10 admission tickets to this spectacular preview.

Contact the Chamber at 814.445.6431 or info@ somersetcountychamber.com to RSVP.



BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER

- 10. A 10 month leadership program that aims to equip a group of individuals to face future challenges, become able, resourceful, and vigorous leaders of the future.
- 9. Developed Success in Somerset County to create awareness of career, job, and educational opportunities in Somerset through panels, tours, and specialized programs.
- 8. Representation on many local, regional, and state organizations to protect the interests of Somerset County, in all aspects, including legislative issues.
- 7. Offering members a discounted energy savings program through OnDemand Energy Solutions for their energy bills.
- 6. A dynamic website that offers 24/7 promotion of your business or service with an unlimited reach.
- 5. Access to monthly legislative workshops, seminars, and networking events.
- 4. Helping the advancement of 'buy local' with a local gift certificate program.
- 3. Constant positive business referrals and tourism promotion.
- 2. Marketing materials such as brochures, guides, and directories to promote your business.
- 1. Hosting and promoting local events to highlight all that our county has to offer.

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce's **Golf Bash**

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Bakersville VFD Banquet Hall

GRAND PRIZE

Arnold Palmer Golf Getaway

The ultimate "Palmer Package," which includes golf for four at Indian Lake Golf Club, Latrobe Country Club, and Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando, plus on-site lodging and money for travel expenses.

<u>1st Prize</u> Greenbrier Getaway

2nd Prize

Laurel Valley Golf Foursome

Tickets include all-you-can-eat buffet and beverages, discounts to area golf courses, along with prizes, top-of-the-line equipment, apparel, outings, and travel packages. The \$50 per ticket (only 1,000 tickets available) allows you to watch the Masters with other golf enthusiasts. Proceeds benefit workforce education programs and initiatives of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and the Somerset County Foundation.

Purchase Tickets at the Somerset County Chamber Office or call 814.445.6431

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Megashow Workshops

Home Depot Clinics Why Mitsubishi Ductless, Cooling & Heating systems is right for You Sat 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Sun. at 1:00 p.m.

Thomasville Cabinetry & Somerset Millworks Cabinets and Countertops for your Dream Kitchen Clinic Sat 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

The Home Depot's "Kids' Workshop" Sat 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Sun 12:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.





Why Everyone Should Attend the 2019 Megashow

By Ron Aldom

Executive Director,

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

Everyone should attend because that's what we do in Somerset County. We support our family, neighbors,

classmates and friends. This county is built on tradition, hard work, family values and the mindset to get things done right. What better way to support these values then by supporting our local businesses.



Ron Aldom

These are the businesses that employ hundreds or even thousands of local residents and offer quality services and products; most for many years. They support our youth, churches, non-profits and add valuable economic impact to our county and region. They are the backbone of our county.

The 2019 Mega Show is a perfect setting to explore the services and products supplied by local businesses, while meeting the people who make it all happen. The show provides a great opportunity to discuss projects with the actual contractor/builder or discuss a professional service with the person who has the answers or maybe just browse the aisles and discover all that we have available to us in Somerset County.

Look at your \$3 admission (\$1 off coupons will be available) as an investment in your own personal well-being and know that your support is truly appreciated by all of the businesses and organizations at the 2019 Mega Show.

The Somerset County Chamber and Somerset County Builders Association are proud and honored to bring this wonderful expo to all of you. We hope to see you there!

Member News

Nursing Program: Clarion University has a five-year agreement with Somerset County to lease space at the Somerset County Education Center to bring back a nursing program to the county. Renovation bids will go out, so the space can include a state-of-the-art clinical laboratory with a full simulation room, a nursing lab, and a skills lab.

2019 Daily American Classic: The 10K/5K run and walk is set for June 8 and will benefit the Somerset County Foundation for Higher Education, Easterseals of Western & Central Pennsylvania, and the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank.

Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center receives donations: The breast care center received donations of more than \$10,000 to fund Pink Ribbon Care, a program that helps patients who are unable to pay for breast-related health services. Representatives from Barnes Saly & Co. presented a \$6,600 check from their Bingo for a Cause fundraiser, the Forest Hills football team presented a \$2,000 check, Ferndale cheerleaders gave \$1,000, \$475 from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's staff association council, and \$352 from students at the Hiram G. Andrews Center and Commonwealth Technical Institute.

Outpatient center: Conemaugh Health System broke ground at its future outpatient center in Somerset.

War Memorial donation: The FPL Energy Meyersdale Power Fund of the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies donated \$1,000 to the Meyersdale Vietnam and Korean War Memorial Project. The memorial may cost up to \$50,000 and will be placed at the Meyersdale Community Center. Other donations have been made for this project from Meyersdale Elks Lodge, Somerset Fraternal Order of Eagles, Meyersdale American Legion, and some individuals.

Medication program: Somerset Hospital initiated the Medication Management Program, designed by Jami Gindlesperger, to help patients understand and adhere to their medication and supplement routine by talking to patients about how to take medicines, read the medicine labels, fill pill boxes, and develop a routine.

CodeRED system: Somerset County Commissioners signed a contract with OnSolve to use their CodeRED notification

system. This web-based system allows Somerset County Emergency Management Agency to notify residents that sign up for the service by telephone, text, email, or social media regarding time-sensitive information.

New CEO: Laurel View Village, a continuing care retirement community in Davidsville, hired Bruce McNabb as their new chief executive officer.

Coat donations: St. Peter's Knights of Columbus donated four dozen coats to the Somerset Salvation Army for their annual warm clothing distribution effort.

Holiday Design Project Awards: Winners of the first Holiday Design Project were announced at Laurel Arts First Night. A collaborative project by Somerset Inc. and Laurel Arts in conjunction with Somerset Trust Co. for local school students to produce holiday creations. Somerset Trust sponsored the scholarship prizes with Rockwood Area School District winning both the art and technical awards (\$250 each). STC awarded each participating school district (6) with \$250 for their participation. Rockwood Causality Insurance sponsored Rockwood School.

Meyersdale merchants: The Meyersdale Area Merchants' Association presented a \$150 check to the Meyersdale Art and Tech Ed students for a celebratory luncheon in honor of their outstanding work and recognitions for the First Annual Holiday Display Contest. The "Raider Express" received recognition as the People's Choice Award and were given a winning check of \$500.

Grant for festival: The chamber received a grant to help establish a Pennsylvania craft beer festival at Seven Springs.

Renovations to ER: Somerset Hospital honored Catherine Poorbaugh by dedicating the emergency department pavilion in her name. The 15 rooms are now private with doors and soundproofing as well as having rooms equipped with monitors that transfer information to the nursing station.

Stoystown Lions Club donates: The Stoystown Lions Club donated a total of \$1,700 to local nonprofit organizations including \$500 each to Friedens, Listie, and Stoystown fire companies and \$200 to the Wells Creek Watershed Association.

Corporal Works of Mercy: St Peter School held its annual Corporal Works of Mercy Rummage Sale where funds from the sale were given to the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank (\$1,000) and to Ian Rosenbaum and his family (\$1,000). Rosenbaum is a first-grade student who was diagnosed with leukemia last fall.

Coworking community: Emily Korns, owner, of Uptown Works has opened office space and conference rooms for members to have work spaces full time, part time, or to rent

Donation: Dress to the Nines donated a \$29,000 check to the Somerset Oncology Center and the non-profit has raised more than \$40,000 in 2018 which was given to the oncology center and local individuals battling cancer.

MAMA donates: The Meyersdale Area Merchants' Association donated \$500 to the Meyersdale Area High School marching band for the purchase of rain coats.

Taking oath: State Representative Carl Walker Metzgar, Republican – Somerset Township, was sworn in to office in Harrisburg. Metzgar represents the 69th District.

Water donation: Somerset County Department of Emergency Services donated and delivered 7,000 bottles of drinking water to the Goodwill fire department in Maryland.

New priest: St. Peter's Catholic Church in Somerset welcomed the Rev. Angelo Patti to serve as the new priest.

Profitable year: Somerset Hospital had a profitable 2018 with more surgeries and heart procedures than in the past but noted the necessity of a partnership with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, especially to entice physicians to treat patients in the area.

Cookies: Girl Scout cookie season is here! Girl scouts will be out through March 17 selling cookies at local stores.

Firm Partner: Barnes Saly & Company, P.C. announced Tiffany S. Wetzel-Sturtz, CPA has been named Partner with the firm. She has become the first female partner in the firms 69 year history.

Spring Golf: Indian Lake Borough officials finalizing management details for the Indian Lake Golf Course to reopen in the spring.

Lending program: Somerset Trust Co. offered a special lending program for federal employees who were furloughed

Member News

or weren't receiving a paycheck because of the government shutdown. The program allowed qualified consumers to borrow up to \$3,000 at a zero percent annual percentage rate and zero percent interest.

Acquisition: Your Building Centers acquired Berlin Lumber Company, a lumber, truss, and building supplies provider that has been serving builders and homeowners for more than 68 years.

Equipment company growth: Somerset Outdoor Equipment, a family-owned business, in Somerset will expand after the owner's demolished a blighted property next door. Although owners, Paul and Andy Coughenour (father and son) aren't entirely certain of the expansion plan they are happy the business is growing.

Family services: The Family Center, operated by Tableland Services Inc., provides child development and parent education for families and individuals with children prenatal to age 5 in Somerset County. All their services are free and there are no income eligibility requirements.

Gardening program: Meadow View Nursing Center in Berlin has started a gardening program for residents, featuring two indoor gardens, which currently holds herbs, decorative, and flower plants. The program is covered for at least two years with a \$15,000 state grant.

Hotel tax grants: Thirty-seven Somerset County organizations and businesses were awarded \$377,188 in tourism-related grants. The tourism grants are funded by 40 percent of the annual proceeds of Somerset County's hotel tax while 60 percent is split between the Laurel Highland Visitors Bureau and the county. Grant recipients must provide at least a 25 percent match.

Memorial operating procedure: The Flight 93 National Memorial remained open during the government shutdown as long as the weather cooperated. If the weather is snowy the memorial closes to visitors because of safety precautions.

Relay's new format: The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life events in Somerset and Meyersdale will now be held all day on a Saturday, instead of the customary previous years - beginning on a Friday evening and running throughout the night into a Saturday morning. (Somerset Relay – June 15; Meyersdale Relay – July 13).

House committees: State Rep. Matt Dowling (PA-51) will serve on Judiciary, Liquor Control, State Government, and Urban Affairs committees. State Rep. Pat Stefano will serve as chair of the Law & Justice Committee, vice chairman of the Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, serve on the Rules & Executive Nominations, State Government, and Transportation committee as well as the Communications & Technology Committee. State Rep. Jim Rigby will serve on Children and Youth, Local Government, Urban Affairs, and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

Bill Lamp: Rockwood Area School District dedicated their newly renovated elementary gym to the Bill Lamp Memorial Elementary Gym.

Catholic Schools Week: St. Peter School celebrated Catholic Schools week at the end of January and opened registration for the 2019-2020 school year.

Accounting associate hired: Barnes Saly & Company, P.C. welcomed Tammy Armstrong as an Accounting Associate.

50 years: Hollern & Koontz Insurance agency was recognized for 50 years as an agent with Penn National Insurance.

Donations to keep warm: The Salvation Army donated coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to any Somerset County resident in need to help them stay warm this winter.

Many donations: The Somerset Fraternal Order of Eagles donated \$5,000 to The Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County; \$5,000 to the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department; \$5,000 to the Fire & Ice Festival; \$3,000 to Somerset County Meals on Wheels; \$3,000 to the Somerset County Shrine Club; \$3,000 to the Jennerstown Volunteer Fire Department; \$3,000 to the Stoystown Volunteer Fire Company; \$3,000 to the Bakersville Volunteer Fire Department; \$2,000 to the YMCA Camp T. Frank Soles; \$2,000 to Laurel Arts; \$1,500 to In Touch Hospice UPMC Somerset; \$1,000 to the Confluence Food Pantry; \$1,000 to the Berlin chapter of the Disabled American Veterans; and \$1,000 to the Somerset County Library.

New name: Somerset Hospital has officially merged with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and is now UPMC Somerset.

Fund drive: The Johnstown Symphony

Orchestra is raising money for their 2019 fund drive.

Congratulations: Many of our member businesses were highlighted as the 2019 PA Business Central Top 100 People -Elmer Laslo, 1st Summit Bank; Randy L. Frye, Saint Francis University; Nicole Bauman, Saint Francis University; Sara Sargent, The Sargent's Group; Kimberlee MacMullan, Penn State Small Business Development Center; John Peterson, Penn State Small Business Development Center; Mike Boyer, Boyer Financial Planning; Joe Reschini, Evergreen Insurance: Dr. Jem Spectar, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; Daniel P. Day, CEBS, Highmark; and John Mills, Mount Aloysius College.

Theater opens: The Arcadia Theater has officially opened for the 2019 season.

New owners: The Jennerstown Speedway Complex will have new ownership in place with Richard Pologruto, John Morocco, and Larry Hemminger.

Merger: Somerset Trust Holdings Co. and Somerset Trust Co., and First Bank of Lilly have announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement. Somerset Trust Co. will be the surviving bank entity.

Peer review: Barnes Saly & Company, P.C, Certified Public Accountants received the highest rating in a rigorous peer review of its accounting and auditing practice.

New Member

Deb's Sew Biz
Debbie DiLoreto, Owner
222 W. Garrett St.
Somerset, PA 15501
814.445.2432 or 814.233.7176
deb222@comcast.net

Deb has been doing alterations for over forty years and now has opened her own business. She offers the following services:

- alterations for men, women, and children; including special occasions
- custom sewing
- hemming
- seam adjustments
- repairs, including zipper replacements
- sew on patches, including leather

Please call to make an appointment.

Henrys' Cake & Candy Supply

Business: Henrys' Cake & Candy Supplies/Henrys' Chocolates

Owners/Managers: Sally A. Henry

Address: 1175 Stoystown Road, Friedens, PA 15541 Phone: 814.445.8361

Email: sallyhenry@henryscc.com **Website:** henryscc.com

Year established: 2000 Number of employees: 1

Hours of operation: Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Extended hours over holidays.

Year the business joined the Chamber: 2001

What does the business do? They offer a wide variety of cake and candymaking supplies, along with having a large selection of cake decorating supplies from hard to find items to the latest trend items. Their candy department has all the items needed to make that special gift for someone you love. They also specialize in candy, fudge and gourmet pretzel trays. Henrys' offers "Somerset County's finest" Supreme Chocolates as well as sugar free chocolates.

How did the business begin? Henrys' was able to purchase an existing business.

Did you know? Henrys' is a locally owned family business that has employed students that have gone on to be an attorney, RN's, speech therapists, vet tech's, sports writer's, and press operators to name a few.

Why is being a Chamber member important? "With being a small town, everyone needs to work together to make Somerset grow. All the information you can get from the Chamber is very helpful. You find out information about Somerset that you would never have known. The newsletters are a great source and also a good way to feature your business, sell your merchandise, or your service. You can even rent or buy a commercial property!" - Sally A. Henry.



Want to see your business or organization featured here? Email info@somersetcountychamber.com. Members are featured on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Visitors Bureau Hosts Annual Backyard Tour Focused on Somerset County

"What is there to do around here?" Sound familiar? If you have front line staff who interact with visitors and even locals, you probably hear this from time-to-time. Want to arm your staff with first-hand, accurate knowledge to better serve your guests and visitors? Keep reading, my friend.

Staff training can come in many forms. But, hands down, one of the best and most effective ways to immerse your front-line tourism employees into the Laurel Highlands region is by boarding a motorcoach and joining the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau for our annual must-do for please contractions.

Join the LHVB on April 18, for a daylong mystery adventure in the Laurel Highlands. Past participants know that we keep the day's scheduled stops and activities top secret. But I can give you one teeny hint – we're celebrating Somerset County this year!

Not only is this event a fantastic way to explore the Laurel Highlands, but

it is also an excellent networking opportunity. In the past, we have seen incredible partnerships developed as a result of the Backyard Tour. We are

confident we will see more of the same from this year's group.

If the LHVB's Backyard Tour sounds like a must-do for you or your staff members, please contact Rachel Roehrig at rroehrig@laurelhighlands.org or 724.238.5661, ext. 101, for more information or to RSVP. We hope to see you aboard!



A sincere thank you to all the businesses and organizations that have paid their membership dues and rejoined the Chamber for 2019. Your support of the Chamber is both an investment in your business and the community which allows the Chamber to keep working for you and your interests. Visit the Chamber website to see a full list of members who have renewed their membership for 2019.

AmeriCorps Positions Open

AmeriCorps places thousands of people into intensive service positions where they learn valuable skills, earn money for education, and develop a strong sense of civic responsibility. AmeriCorps positions provide a bi-weekly stipend, a wealth of experience, and a chance to earn an education stipend to help pay back student loans or go on for credits. There are immediate openings for Tutors/Mentors and environmental positions. Check out www.pmsc. org or call Jill Latuch at 814.341.4726 for additional information.

New Programs at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

The Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Board of Trustees recently approved four new programs: Engineering Technology, Sustainable Hydroponic Agriculture and Rural Entrepreneurship, Substance Abuse and Addiction Technician, and Paralegal Studies.

"These new programs are designed to meet the needs of the region," stated Dr. Barbara Zaborowski, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. "They give

students access to exciting new hands-on learning opportunities and provide paths to in-demand careers."

Engineering Technology (A.A.S.) is an associate degree that offers two tracks: Architectural and

Civil. Students will work with Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Computer Aided Drafting & Design (CADD) software to facilitate the design and drafting of buildings and building components. This program offers opportunities to work with professional architects and engineers in the design, drafting, and layout of buildings, roads, and utilities.

Sustainable Hydroponic Agriculture and Rural Entrepreneurship is a two semester (one year) certificate that prepares individuals for work in the sustainable agricultural industry, including traditional agribusiness and the emerging field of controlled environment agriculture. In partnership with Sandyvale Memorial Park, this program will be able to offer both theory and practical hands-on application in a greenhouse using actual hydroponic equipment.

Substance Abuse and Addiction Technician is an 18-credit certificate that enables graduates to work in an entry-level position in the varied field of addiction treatment. Students will be introduced to the effects that substance abuse and chemical dependency have on society; and gain an understanding of what addiction is, the different drugs that are used, how to work with those who have physical and psychological addictions, the various

types of treatment, and counseling approaches.

Paralegal Studies (A.A.S.) is an associate degree that teaches the philosophy and methodology of legal practice so graduates can understand the principles of law and policy that affect government, business, and nonprofit

organizations. Graduates may pursue careers as legal assistants and paralegals. Unlike the three other new programs that begin in Fall 2019, Paralegal Studies is set to begin in Fall 2020.

These programs are just a few of the many programs offered across seven academic pathways. Each pathway is clearly defined, helping individuals easily find what they are looking for. To view all pathways, visit www.pennhighlands.edu/programs/.

Pennsylvania Highlands has six locations throughout the Southern Alleghenies region that serve residents of western Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Highlands Community College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Open House at ACM

By Kristin Kehrwald

What can you do with four hours? Fly to Vegas, binge-watch YouTube videos or maybe determine your future career at Allegany College of Maryland's spring Open House.

ACM invites prospective students and their families to attend its fast-paced, hands-on Open House on Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at its Cumberland campus.

Event pre-registration, which is strongly encouraged, is available at allegany.edu/ohregister.



The Open House kicks off in the College gymnasium. In only four short hours, prospective

students and their families will have the chance to meet with ACM faculty and staff to explore career options, discuss academic programs and transfer partnerships, tour the campus, and learn the ins and outs of the financial aid and scholarship process.

Eligible attendees will have the chance to scratch off to win one of six five-hundred dollar tuition vouchers to be used at ACM's Cumberland campus.

This year's Open House will feature optional tours of ACM's School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts and Willowbrook Woods, the College's gardenstyle student housing complex featuring suite apartments.

Additionally, the College will offer 8:00 a.m. Placement Assessment (Accuplacer) appointments prior to the Open House. Registration for the Accuplacer is required; prospective students are asked to 301-784-5551 to reserve their spot and/or find out if they may be waived from taking the assessment.

The campus is located at 12401 Willowbrook Road SE in Cumberland, Md. 21502. For more information, visit allegany.edu/openhouse or call 301-784-5005.



The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce will hold its 34th annual college and technical fair on April 13th from 9 a.m. to noon at the 28th Police Company National Guard Armory in Friedens.

This college fair is a unique opportunity for students and their parents to meet college admission personnel face-toface and begin the process of showing colleges an interest in attending.

Representatives from a variety of colleges, trade schools, technical institutions, business schools, nursing programs, and the military will be available to discuss opportunities for students. College representatives will be able to answer questions about admissions, courses of study, degree programs, college life, and financial aid

In order for students and families to gain the most out of this free event it's encouraged to research colleges or technical schools that are of interest, make notes of questions or discussion items to speak with a representative about, and put together a small information packet about yourself (GPA, test scores, honors classes, activities, and volunteer work).

The fair will again include an employer career panel featuring representatives from a variety of vocations ready to answer questions about their jobs, training, opportunities, and other related topics. Students speaking with these experts from different occupations can benefit by making more informed decisions regarding the career pathway they choose.

A full list of participating schools and organizations will be available on the Chamber's website closer to the College & Technical Fair.

Relay for Life

Relay For Life season begins! The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life events in Somerset and Meyersdale are both gearing up for the 2019 season with a new SATURDAY format! Event organizers are excited about the new format because it will allow for more activities, entertainment and family fun, while still including the many components

the event is known for such as the survivor lap and luminaria service. Relay for Life is the Society's



signature fund raising event. Sign up is always FREE! For more info on how your business or organization can start a team, contact jen.barron@cancer.org or 814-442-9582.



Team building exercises interns participated in last year.

make western Pennsylvania a great place to live and work, a center for learning and educational excellence, and a region that embraces diversity and inclusion.

Applications are available online only at www.cfalleghenies.org and are due March 8, 2019. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and a select number of candidates will be asked to visit the Foundation for an interview. Eight candidates will ultimately be selected for the internship.

Community Foundation Seeks Youth Philanthropy Interns

The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies encourages current high school seniors from Bedford, Cambria, Somerset, and Indiana counties (with a passion for community involvement, public relations, and current events) to apply for the 2019 Youth Philanthropy Internship.

Throughout this paid internship, participants will use their skill sets to identify and support solutions for areas of concern within our community, while bringing a youthful perspective to the Foundation's grantmaking.

The 2019 YPI is scheduled to run from June 24 to August 9 in downtown Johnstown. Former interns are quick to point out that this is "far from a typical internship." Over the course of the summer, interns will work in

teams to create and implement a youth philanthropy project, which will culminate in awarding grants to local agencies that serve the region. In order to develop the project, the interns will research a variety of issues facing local neighborhoods, identify service priorities, build funding guidelines, solicit request for proposals, and ultimately award funding. Interns will not only learn the basics of grantmaking but also create media advocacy pieces, volunteer for community organizations, and earn money — all while gaining greater knowledge about our region.

The internship is funded by a grant from The Heinz Endowments, and mirrors the Endowments' highly successful Summer Youth Philanthropy Internship. The Heinz Endowments supports multiple efforts to

The Switzerland experience



Cynthia Watters of Epic Journeys LLC, Johnstown, invites area residents on a nine-day tour of Switzerland June 8-16.

On this tour, see "the best of Switzerland" with visits to Zurich, St. Moritz, Zermatt, Lake Geneva, Berne and Lucerne. The tour also includes forays into Liechtenstein and Italy with stops at Vaduz, Lake Como and Lugano, among others.

Travelers will see and experience true Alpine splendor, from the region's deep lakes and picturesque valleys to its quaint villages and well-known peaks, like the Matterhorn.

The tour includes breakfast each day as well as a welcome dinner in Zurich and a farewell dinner in Lucerne. A full itinerary is available at www. epicjourneystours.com. The cost of this trip is \$2,689 per person (double occupancy), plus airfare.

For more information on this or other trips, visit www.epicjourneystours.com or call (814) 266-5070.



Swiss experience: The charming town of Zermatt sits beneath the Matterhorn and is an overnight stop on Epic Journeys' Best of Switzerland tour.

AK Steel Grant



The AK Steel Foundation awarded The Somerset County Foundation a Community Grant in the amount of \$2,500. This grant will help with funding to continue the efforts and success of the workforce educational programs within the county's 11 school districts. The school programs include panel discussions with local business leaders, industry tours of high demand occupations, a college and technical fair, and a version of "What's My Line" where people from different industries go into the school and students must guess the profession.

Pictured: Courtney Barna, AK Coal; Ben Tawney, Mobile Food Bank; Lisa Wengard, Next Step Center; Ron Aldom, Somerset County Chamber of Commerce.

Business Program is a Great Opportunity for Local Students

Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW) immerses rising high school juniors and seniors in the world of business, allowing them to experience firsthand what you face each day. Offered by the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education, PFEW was founded specifically to teach students about the American private enterprise system and provide tools to help students become the great employees and employers of the future. PFEW annually holds five week-long sessions in July and August on the campuses of Lycoming College and the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA, serving nearly 2,200 students and 250 volunteers each year.

At PFEW, participants are grouped into

management teams of junior executives who have been hired to turn around underperforming manufacturing companies. These teams, mentored by adult volunteers called Company Advisors, operate their firms for a computer simulated three-years, competing against other student companies. They formulate production and financial strategies, develop income statements and balance sheets, prepare marketing and advertising campaigns, all the while reacting to a variety of external factors. Sound familiar?

The Chamber proudly supports PFEW and encourages our local companies and civic organizations to provide sponsorship for our students and, if possible, volunteers for the

sessions. Every student attends PFEW on a fully tax-deductible \$625 scholarship (the actual value of the scholarship exceeds \$1,500) which is provided by a local firm, foundation, civic organization, or individual. The Foundation for Free Enterprise Education have expanded their programming to include the Stock Market GameTM, an interactive in-school game for students in grades 4-12 that teaches them about the Stock Market and Securities Industry. If you would like to learn more about the award-winning PFEW program and how you can help, please contact Scott Lee, vice president of marketing & development for the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education at (814) 833-9576 ext. 8, or e-mail him at scott@pfew.org.

DigitalPA Careerlink

PA CareerLink Somerset County staff are now available to live chat online Monday — Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They understand that sometimes you may need to talk to the local PA CareerLink staff and maybe you can't make it into the office. Now the staff are ready to answer questions and help you when you visit www. gocareerlink.org.

Somerset REC Scholarships

Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative is sponsoring \$1,000 college scholarships to students whose parents receive electricity from Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative. To be considered, the student needs to be a high school senior enrolled in an accredited college or university. Application needs to be completed by April 3rd. REC Scholarship 2019 application

Instructions on accepting

Business owners and managers, with the holiday season approaching, be sure your employees know how to accept Chamber **Local Look** gift certificates.

- 1. Check the expiration date before accepting any gift certificate. **Local Local** 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 Loc** 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.

 Lecal Lect 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.

Chamber Scholarships

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce is offering three \$500 awards to area students to aid in continuing their education. Applicants must be a member of the Chamber; an employee or student of a Chamber member business, high school, university or college; a child of a Chamber member; or a child of an employee of a Chamber member.

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

Allegany College of Maryland
Grand Canyon University
Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center
International College of Bible Theology
Mount Aloysius College
Penn State — Fayette
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
Somerset County Technology Center
St. Francis University
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

For scholarship applications please call the chamber office at 814.445.6431 or visit www. somersetcountychamber.com to download. The deadline to register for the 2019 Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship is April 5th. Winners will be notified by April 30th.

Somerset County Farm Bureau

The economic impact of agriculture in Somerset County, the Commonwealth, the Nation and the World is enormous. Too often when we have an image of agriculture, it's a farmer on a tractor either plowing, planting or harvesting a crop. This is an important part of agriculture, however, the picture is much larger. This picture does not include dairy, beef, poultry, honey, maple syrup, produce, equine, sheep, goats, rabbits — and I am sure I have missed some.

Another aspect of agriculture includes: the extension offices, 4-H, FFA, Farmers Market, County Fair, feed dealers, fuel companies, young agricultural professionals, equipment dealers, bakers and many, many more. At your next meal take a minute to think about all that it took to have that food on your table. Simply said, "Thank a farmer three times a day."

If you belong to an organization and would like a speaker to present any aspect of agriculture, please contact me and thanks for your interest and support of agriculture.

Denny Hutchison, President (814) 467-0242



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.

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

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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.

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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 @ damin printing.com to schedule an appointment at your place of business.

RPM Signs (814) 288-1561

10% off your next purchase of promotional products.

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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

917 W. Main St., Somerset

OFFICE COMPLEX of 4 units, all with separate utilities. Off-street parking for 46 cars. Lower level has a common waiting room with restrooms and all units have restrooms for staff. Units range from 1450 sq. ft. to 1800 sq. ft. and common walls could be moved to enlarge a specific unit. Central air throughout. Large lot with nicely landscaped lawn.

\$260,000

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.

Angelitto Passaniti (814) 445-7019

For Rent

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

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Available Commercial Space

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

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. commerical property with high visibility and endless possibilities. Currently housing numberous tenants with different businesses as well as an apartment space. Includes 20 off street parking spaces.

\$329,900

Contact: Ken Halverson

1936 Stoystown Road, Friedens

34,514 sq. ft. brick building has 14 large rooms, large cafeteria, commercial kitchen including stainless steel equipment, gymnasium, office spaces and loading dock.

Previously Friedens Elementary School.

\$297,000

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. \$159.500

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) 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.

Howard Hanna Geary Real Estate (814) 445-6587

Stoystown Road, Friedens

#2507C Endless possibilities exist with this commercial listing. Includes a steel building with 18-20 ft. ceilings and 20,000 sq. ft. Also over 100 undeveloped acres. Excellent location, close to the PA Turnpike, Route 219 and other major roads.

\$950,000 Call Bernice Lape.

Lincoln Highway, Stoystown

#2505C Ready for you to start a new business. Very clean 6,000+ sq. ft. former auto body shop. 334 ft. of frontage along Lincoln Highway with an average 6,800 vehicles per day. Only a third-mile from Route 219-Lincoln Highway interchange.

\$239,000 Call Joe Geary

Somerset Pike, Boswell

#2480C 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.

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.

Offered at \$155,000

Call Jodie Garlitz

Confluence B&B

#2491C Confluence House Bed and Breakfast has been welcoming guests for over 14 years. The house has 5 well-appointed guest/bedrooms and 4 bathrooms, living room, separate dining room, breakfast room, commercial-grade kitchen and detached garage with additional finished space. The home is being offered fully furnished, including indoor and outdoor furniture, appliances, artwork, dishes, linens, inventory and more. Choose to use this as a turn-key B&B or as a private resident. Start enjoying all that Confluence and the surrounding

area has to offer. Offered at \$315,000 Call Joe Geary

Stoystown Road, Somerset

#2520C A 4-unit apartment building along with a mobile home pad. Good rental history. All units rented except one that is currently being renovated. Mobile home pad also rented. Public sewage, well water on 2.296 acres.

\$119,00 Call Connie Weyant.

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.

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.

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

asvonavec@somersetcounty chamber.com

Volunteer 2018 Hours

Pauline Walker	102.75
Hazel Hillegas	69
Molly Baker	47.5
Pat Beggs	17.5
Carla Barclay	16.5
Amanda Hersch	12.75
Merylyn Scribner	12
Loretta Wilmoth	10.5
Sheryan Hern	6.25
Patty Churchey	2.5
Ray Wenk	2

Website hits for January

People visiting: 2,854
Total pages viewed: 12,510

Home: 2,401 Calendar: 1,106 Member Directory: 1,103 Tourism: 420 About: 159

Contact: 170

Social Media Stats

Facebook: 2,544 (likes) Twitter: 1,269 (followers) LinkedIn: 260 (followers) Pinterest: 425 (average views)

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Upcoming Chamber events

March 23 & 24 MegaShow Preview, 5 to 7 p.m., Summit Plaza,

Somerset

March 23 & 24 MegaShow: Home, Garden, & Business Expo, Summit

Plaza, Somerset

April 11 34th Annual College & Technical Fair, 9 a.m. to Noon,

28th Police Company National Guard Armory, Friedens

April 13 Golf Bash, Noon to 6 p.m., Bakersville VFD Banquet

Hall, Somerset









