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MAY-JUNE 2019

Open Fore Business Tournament set for June 26

Registration is now open for this year's Open Fore Business Golf Tournament and is set for June 26 at the Peninsula Club, formerly Indian Lake Golf Course.

This tournament aims to assist the Chamber in "moving Somerset County forward" and plays a vital role in helping the organization maintain and build a strong, vibrant business climate in Somerset County. Participants can enjoy a day of networking on the links while supporting a healthy economic environment in the Laurel Highlands.

With a shotgun start at 1 p.m., the tournament includes a \$50,000 putting contest, a hole-in-one contest, as well as lunch, skill holes, prize drawings and more. The day will conclude

with a barbecue dinner and an awards presentation at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Registration for the Open Fore Business Golf Tournament is \$125 per person for members and \$150 per person for nonmembers. A special member foursome rate, which includes golf for four and a tee sign sponsorship, is available for \$550. Golfers may also reserve their Power Tickets – which include one powerball, two mulligans, one poker hand and three chances for the putting contest – when they reserve their teams. Those wishing to attend the barbecue dinner without participating in the tournament can do so for \$50 per person.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available, and the Chamber is

seeking door prizes and silent auction items to be raffled off during dinner.

Registration for the golf tournament will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The deadline to register for these events is June 7.

For more information or to register for the tournament, see the enclosed brochure or contact the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or info@ somersetcountychamber.com.

Volunteers Needed!!!

Please consider helping with setup, registration, the tournament, and dinner.

Chamber will graduate 16th Leadership class

Mark your calendars and plan to join the Chamber in celebrating the 2019 graduating class of Leadership Somerset County during a special luncheon June 19 at the Somerset Country Club.

In the 16 years since its creation, Leadership Somerset County has brought together diverse groups of individuals who have shared a common goal of becoming leaders prepared to face future challenges, thereby ensuring Somerset County is led by able, resourceful and enthusiastic individuals now and for years to come. This graduation ceremony is the culmination of the 10-month program for the 2019 class.

Invitations and additional details on the graduation event will be forthcoming.

For more information, contact the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or info@somersetcountychamber.com. Recruitment for the 2019-2020 class of Leadership Somerset County will begin in July. Call to secure your enrollment.



The 2018-2019 Leadership Class

Megashow recap

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and the Somerset County Builders Association would like to thank the many businesses and organizations that participated in this year's Megashow: Home, Garden & Business Expo March 23-24 as well as those who attended both the show and the Megashow Preview March 22. Special thanks goes to the many sponsors that helped make the event possible and to the numerous volunteers who helped make the show a success. Visit the Chamber's Facebook page to see a photo gallery from this year's Megashow.

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Thanks To:

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Somerset County Flag Committee
Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc
And MEGASHOW VOLUNTEERS!

Directory now available

Hot off the presses! Copies of the Chamber's 2019 Community Profile & Membership Directory is now available.

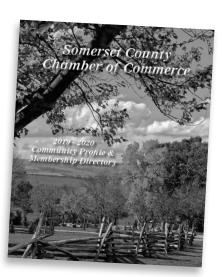
This annual, full-color publication offers an overview of America's County® while providing handy community information, like frequently used phone numbers, fast facts and more.

As a directory, the publication also includes a list of Chamber members and their services, making it a great resource for anyone who lives in, works in or visits the region.

The 2019 edition includes articles about our industires and statistical information to make the publication an even greater tool for those who already live here and for those who may be charged with recruiting new employees and residents to the area.

Approximately 5,000 copies have been printed and will be available at the Chamber and other locations, including hotels and area libraries. Copies will also be mailed directly to Chamber members this spring, a change from past years.

If you do not receive a copy of the Chamber's 2019 Community Profile & Membership Directory or you would like additional copies, visit or contact the Chamber.



Invest in your county

By Ron Aldom

Executive Director,

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

Recently, someone asked me what they get from being a member of the chamber. He was a long-time member, so the question really took me by surprise. Once we got beyond the obvious benefits of business referrals, marketing through all our chamber media (newsletter,

membership directory, website, e-Dispatch and other specific sponsor opportunities), networking opportunities, energy programs through Kinect Energy, a full-time staffed office, government affairs and all the other benefits that go with a



Ron Aldom

membership, I continued with the rest of the story.

He was very impressed with our efforts in workforce education through our Success in Somerset Program and was pleasantly surprised to know that we are active in all eleven school districts. He had heard about Leadership Somerset County; however, he didn't realize the impact it had in the county. I elaborated on how many of the over 250 alumni have taken on leadership roles in our local non-profits or how many have moved into management positions within their professions. I also pointed out that the vast majority of alumni are still living and working in the local area.

He admitted that he was unaware of all that his membership covers, whether directly or indirectly and was very satisfied with what he heard. He couldn't have said it better, when he stated that his dues were really an investment and that they give back dividends every day. He was very satisfied with my answers and stated that he will always be a member of the Somerset County Chamber.

I walked away thinking that we could do a better job of letting everyone know all that the chamber does and why your investment (dues) is so important to the future of our county and to our members. We appreciate your support.

Member News

Park of the Year: Laurel Hill State Park was named 2019 Park of the Year by the Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation. The park has 4,062 acres of mountainous terrain in Somerset County with the 63 acres of Laurel Hill Lake as its focal point.

Charter Day: The Somerset Historical Center celebrated the commonwealth's 338th birthday on Charter Day with a display of William Penn's original charter and documents relating to the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

New programs: Somerset County Technology Center officials want to expand their budget to include funds for a service occupations program, that incorporates culinary, hotel and motel maintenance, and general cleaning.

Tree tapping: The 2019 Tree Tapping Ceremony was held at reigning Pennsylvania Maple King Jason Blocher's Milroy Farms near Salisbury. This annual event represents the start of the maple season.

Patient care: Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber dedicates this year to focusing on revitalization of the hospital focusing on patient-centered care and their relationship with the community. The Portage, Davidsville, and Chestnut Ridge facilities will focus on physical therapy, fitness, and blood draws. The hospital system has also expanded its pediatric therapy program.

New center: Conemaugh Health System will open a new \$9.7 million outpatient center in Somerset.

Hospital: Somerset Hospital has joined the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center to become UPMC Somerset.

Awarded contract: Somerset County Commissioners approved a bid for the renovations of the Somerset County Education Center to accommodate Clarion University's nursing program. The \$284,000 contract was awarded to Darr Construction of Berlin. The project is funded from the \$350,000 a year the county has received the last two years from the Regional Community College Services line item in the state budget.

Military friendly: Pennsylvania Highlands Community College has been designated a Military Friendly School® by VIQTORY Media, the premier source for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The 2019-20 Military Friendly School® list honors colleges, universities, and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation.

DCED visits Somerset County: The state Department of Community & Economic Development

Secretary, Dennis Davin, visited Somerset County to discuss blight, broadband, and route 219 with leaders from the area.

Borough facelift: Somerset Inc., a nonprofit community revitalization program, will receive a \$50,000 façade improvement grant from the Keystone Communities program to help restore community cornerstones, beautify the area, and improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

Permits approved: The permits for the Somerset Lake dam project were approved.

Wellness tour: The Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau is offering a full day group tour, "Journey of Self: A Wellness Tour of Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands." Activities will include yoga, group meditation, nature hikes, and wellness workshops.

Maple queen: Grace Oakes, of Garrett, was named 2019 Maple Queen Pageant LXXII. Ms. Oakes was also given the Anna Ruth Thomas Talent Award and was voted Miss Congeniality by the queen's court of princesses.

Nursing program: Clarion University will begin offering its Associate of Science in Nursing degree at the Somerset campus this fall. The two-year ASN program leads to a licensure as a registered nurse upon successful completion of the National Council Licensure Exam.

Trail manager: Somerset County hired Lindsay Pyle to serve as the new GAP Trail Manager.

StormReady: Somerset County Commissioners recognized Somerset County Emergency Management Agency for receiving the StormReady recertification.

Vocational program: The Meyersdale school district along with the Somerset County Technology Center can offer students a new program that allows them to experience the center's programs, such as culinary school, hotel maintenance, and woodworking, for one year and then switch to another program to gain experience and employable skills.

Campaign fundraising: The United Way of the Laurel Highlands raised \$1.2 million through employee giving campaigns, payroll deductions, community fundraising events, private events, and individual contributions to create, accelerate, and expand positive social change in Cambria and Somerset counties.

Maple camps: The Maple Taste & Tour brought in visitors from all over to visit 15 different maple camps in Somerset County.

CodeRED: The Somerset County Department of Emergency Services implemented a new county-wide public mass notification systems called CodeRED.

Doyle Paul: The Somerset County Young Farmers' Association established a scholarship through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies in memory of Doyle Paul.

New location: The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies has moved their administrative offices to the fourth floor of the AmeriServ Financial Building in Johnstown.

New ownership: The real estate property of Siemon's Lakeview Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center changed ownership to Grace Bay, Lawrence, New York. **Chronic disease workshops:** The Somerset County

Area Agency on Aging is holding Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs at several senior centers throughout the first part of the year.

Job Fair: The Meyersdale Area Merchants Association held a job far in Meyersdale to support those looking for full and part-time work in the areas of hospitality, food and beverage, general administration general labor, manufacturing, and maintenance/housekeeping.

Financial fitness: Pennsylvania Highlands Community College hosted a financial literacy fair to help bring seven institutions to the college to help individuals find financial stability and success.

Rankings: Sheetz is ranked number 85 on the 2019 Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For list.

College scholarships: The Pennsylvania Highlands Community College distributed over \$21,000 in scholarships during the 2018-2019 academic year to help aid students in our region.

New lab: The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown unveiled the new laboratory space on the ground floor of UPJ's new Chemical Engineering Building.

3D mammography: Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center has added a 3D mammography unit to their array of women's health services.

Top financial advisor: Michael Boyer, CFP, an independent LPL Financial advisor at of Boyer Financial Planning Inc. has been recognized and is included in the LPL's Financial Top Financial Advisors, an award presented to less than 5% of the firm's 16,000 plus financial advisors nationwide.

Bank donation: Citizens Neighborhood Bank gave Berlin Brothersvalley School District Foundation a \$3,500 donation as part of its ongoing participation in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program.

Donation: Grace United Methodist Church in Somerset gave the Somerset County Military Family Support Group a check for \$1,348 when the group packed boxes full of treats to send to local soldiers serving overseas. The money will help the group's operation costs.

Member News

Donation: Stoystown Lions Club presented a \$1,000 check to the Somerset County Blind Center.

Funds raised: The fund drive for the clocks on the Somerset County Courthouse raised around \$20,000 with a final \$2,000 from the Somerset County Bar Association to restore the courthouse clocks.

New website: Eternal Memorial Designs now has a website https://eternalmemorialdesigns.com/

New ownership: Woodland Campgrounds in under new ownership and will offer new updated space along with new activities for the season.

GAP: The doors were opened to the Big Savage Tunnel in late March to signal the start of spring.

Maple King: Kyle Hillegas from Hillegas Sugar Camp in Fairhope was named Maple King as part of the festivities at the Pennsylvania Maple Festival.

Shoe store: Shoe Sensation, a new business, will open in May in Somerset, PA.

Trauma nursing: Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center has been approved by the Society of Trauma

Nursing to be a teaching site for Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses, an advanced course designed for registered nurses to increase knowledge and skill in management of trauma patients.

Trail news: The September 11th National Memorial Trail will cost five times more than expected to connect all three Sept. 11 crash sites because of the eight small wetlands over 1.5 miles of the Somerset County portion of the trail.

Donation: Employees of CME Engineering donated \$4,155 to Somerset County Habitat for Humanity as part of the CME Cares! program.

Promotion: AmeriServ Trust and Financial Services Co. promoted David Finui to executive vice president - director, wealth and capital management.

Farmers share: Somerset County farmers spoke at the 2019 Somerset County Farm Bureau and focused on the need for farmers to share their story with the non-farming community.

Scholarships: The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies offers more than 250 different scholarships that collectively award 450 local students with money to help finance their schooling.

Fiber arts: The Somerset Historical Center, along with Laurel Arts hosted the Common Threads Fiber Arts Symposium that included teachings and demonstrations with basketry, rug weaving, tapestry weaving, embroidery, lacemaking, and printmaking on fabric.

State honors: The Daily American earned 14 awards in two state journalism contests. The newspaper won 10 awards in the Professional Keystone Press Awards for newspapers under 15,000 circulation.

Egg hunts: The Jaycees' held their annual Easter egg hunt at the Georgian Place in April for children and the Jager and Friends Dog Park held their 6th annual egg hunt for dogs.

Business closing: After 94 years of business, Clapper's Building Materials in Meyersdale will close it's doors at the end of June.

Member Spotlight - Eternal Memorial Designs

Business: Eternal Memorial Designs

Owners/Managers: Rich Bailey & Sharon Novatny

Address: 622 Demuth Street, Johnstown, PA 15904 Phone: 814-915-4157

Email: eternalmemorialdesigns@gmail.com
Website: eternalmemorialdesigns.com
Year established: 2018 Number of employees: 2

Hours of operation: M - F (9:30 – 4:30) In home appointments available.

Saturday by appointment.

Year the business joined the Chamber: 2018

What does the business do? Eternal Memorial Designs is a locally-owned company with 23 years' experience in the industry providing families with a variety of quality memorial products and services at an affordable price. We strive to

ensure our customers receive personalized attention as we compassionately guide them through the difficult memorial arrangement process.

Cemetery Monuments, Cremation Products & Memorials, Benches, Private Mausoleums, Bronze Markers, Cemetery Lettering, Monument Repairs & Cleaning, Memory Markers, Pet Stones, Pre-Needs, In-Home Appointments, In-Door display, Vases and Memorial Portraits

How did the business begin? Friends for many years, Rich Bailey was a salesman for 23 years at another local memorial company and Sharon Novatny worked for three decades as a financial analyst at a Johnstown business. Rich and Sharon had tossed around the idea of going into business together for years. In April, the stars finally aligned for Rich and Sharon and they both decided "Let's do it!"

Did you know? There are many different grades of granite, such as imported and southern. These are of lower quality and price so buyer beware!

Why is being a Chamber member important? Being a Chamber member is important for us in helping to grow and promote our business in addition to connecting and networking with other businesses in the area.

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

Appalachian Engineering Group LLC

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Augustine Plastics

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Shoe Senation

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CHAMBER MIXER WHITEHORSE BREWING

Join Us May 9th 5 - 7 p.m.

Enjoy light appetizers with an offering of ten styles of beer on tap with a special price of \$4 a pint.
Participate in the raffle and win Whitehorse Brewing swag!



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.

College & Technical Fair

Chamber The welcomed hundreds of the county's high school juniors as well as other local residents at the 34th College & Technical Fair in April at the 29th Military Guard Police National armory in Friedens. Nearly 60 colleges, businesses and organizations participated in the event. This year's College & Technical Fair also included an employer panel featuring presenters Josh Meyers, President of Oak & Acorn Painting and Construction;

Lauren Thompson, Technical Assistance Advisor, James Selapack, Sourceree-IT/Cyber Security, Software and Network Engineers and Technicians: and **Brittany** Baker, media staff member of WJAC TV. The Chamber would like to thank all who participated in the event as well as the PA National Guard and volunteers Debi Balog, Courtney Barna, Sharon Clapper, Jeff Dick, and Gloria Pritts.



3+1 Agreements with Saint Francis University Yield Student Success and Strengthen Bond

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College has strong ties with local colleges and universities that are second to none. One such partnership that delivers on providing a clear path to student success is the college's 3+1 articulation agreements with Saint Francis University. These agreements allow Penn Highlands' students to transfer 98 course credits to a bachelor's degree program at Saint Francis University. To complete a bachelor's degree, students must then complete the final 30 credits with Saint Francis University after earning an associate degree.



A unique aspect of our partnership with Saint Francis University is that it contains a consortium agreement. This allows Penn Highlands and Saint Francis to work together to ensure financial aid can be used, for qualifying students, to cover the costs associated with taking classes at both institutions simultaneously.

There are six (6) 3+1 articulation agreements in place between the two institutions, creating seamless transfer options for Penn Highlands' graduates to complete a bachelor's degree at Saint Francis University. Agreements include:

- Accounting (A.A.S.) to Organizational Leadership (B.S.)
- Business Administration (A.S.) to Organizational Leadership (B.S.)
- Business Management (A.A.S.) to Organizational Leadership (B.S.)
- IT Server Administration (A.A.S.) to Computer Systems Management (B.S.)
- Social Work (A.A.) to Behavioral Science (B.S.)
- Psychology (A.A.) to Behavioral Science (B.S.)

These 3+1 agreements have gained momentum in recent years as students are realizing they can keep pursuing a higher degree while already being enrolled in an associate degree program. Students understand this is a cost-effective way to receive a bachelor's degree. In Fall 2018, four (4) students benefited from these agreements. Five (5) more students participated in Spring 2019. Now, there are over fifty (50) students interested in taking advantage of these agreements.

Applications are now being accepted for the summer and fall 2019 semesters.

Builders Association Scholarship Available

The Somerset County Builders Association Scholarship Committee will award one \$1,000 scholarship this school year to a student planning to continue to further education after high school to learn and develop skills in the building trades such as plumbing, electrical, carpentry, masonry, drafting, architecture, CAD and HVAC.

Guidance counselors and trade instructors have applications which should be submitted along with a brief essay (200 words or less) describing why they wish to enter the building trades.

A copy of the student's transcript and an acceptance letter from the trade, technical school or college they plan to attend should also be submitted.

Completed applications must be received by May 17, 2019 at Somerset Trust Company, C/O Somerset County Builders Association Scholarship Fund, Attn: Kathy Geary, PO Box 777, Somerset, PA 15501.

Scholarship trustees include Gary Bentz, Michelle Moon, Jolene Smith, Jeff Shaffer and Kathy Geary.

The award certificate will be presented at school awards programs and the scholarship recipient will receive an invitation to attend a meeting of the Association along with their parents or guardians.

Apply for this this scholarship by May 17, 2019. For more scholarship application information please call (814) 443-9034 or (814) 267-4211.

ACM Opens Registration

Allegany College of Maryland invites new students to register now for summer and fall semesters 2019. Summer semester courses begin on Monday, May 20 with a second five-week session starting on Monday, June 24. Full-term courses for the fall semester start on Monday, August 19.

Throughout its campuses and education sites, ACM will offer 128 sections of courses in the summer. Classes are flexible in nature, ranging from five-week to ten-week options with many sections being

offered online. In the fall semester, ACM will offer 602 sections of courses with full-semester, delayed-start and online options available. Students may preview the semester schedules for credit courses at allegany.edu/coursecatalog.



ACM's Somerset Education

Site will offer five, three-credit courses for its fall semester 2019.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday courses include:

- 11:00 to 11:50 a.m., English 101 Freshman English I;
- 12:00 to 12:50 p.m., Psychology 101 General Psychology; and
- 1:00 to 1:50 p.m., English 103 Introduction to Literature.

Tuesday/Thursday courses include:

- 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., History 101 History of Western Civilization I; and
- 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., Mathematics 109 Probability and Statistics.

This summer, through ACM's Center for Continuing Education and Workforce Development, the Somerset Education Site will offer a three-week, 11 sessions Drone Pilot Training class beginning on Monday, June 17. The Monday through Thursday classes will be held from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The fee is \$575, and the course is open to anyone looking to safely and legally operate drones commercially or recreationally. For more information, call 814-445-9848 or email bzuchelli@allegany.edu.The ACM Somerset Education Site is located at 707 Georgian Place, N. Center Avenue, Suite 315 in Somerset. Prospective students who are considering enrollment at the Cumberland campus should call 301-784-5005 or email infocenter@allegany.edu.

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce's Golf Bash Ticket Winners

GRAND PRIZE

Arnold Palmer Golf Getaway

Paul Kersnick

<u>Ist Prize</u> Greenbrier Getaway **Neil Lehman** 2nd Prize
Laurel Valley Golf Foursome

Jamie Kunkle

12:00	Ladies Glove It Package (Golf Bag/Accessories)	Caitlyn Fitzgerald
12:15	Ping Sigma Putter & Bag Boy Push Cart	Ken Lockard
12:30	Ping G410 Irons - Set of 8 - Steel Shaft	Jim Humbertson
12:45	Bushnell Rangefinder V4 & 2 Dozen Titleist Pro V1 Balls	Mike Hersch
1:00	The Rocky Gap Golf and Casino Getaway	Marty Walat
1:15	Ping Hoofer Stand Bag & Bag Boy Quad XL Push Cart	Roger Graf
1:30	Ping G410 Driver & G410 Fairway Wood & G Hybrid	Chris Miller
1:45	Foot Joy Pkge - Dry Joy Tour LTS Jacket, FJ Waterproof Shoes	Angela Lyons
2:00	Seven Springs/Hidden Valley Golf Weekend	Joe Kocsis
2:15	Oakley Sunglasses & Golf Buddy VTX Talking Handheld GPS	Dale Walker
2:30	(Winners' Choice) - Titleist AP1 or AP2 or AP3 Iron Set 4 PW	OPIE Group
2:45	(Winners' Choice) - TaylorMade M1 or M4 Driver	Scott Hollern
3:00	The Omni Bedford Springs Golf Outing	Mike Sube
3:15	Titleist Vokey Wedge Set - 56 & 60 Degree	Scott Pearson
3:30	(Winner's Choice) Callaway Rogue or Rogue X Iron Set - 4-PW	Jeff Gray
3:45	(Winners' Choice) - Titleist TS2 or TS3 Driver	Anne Polakoski
4:00	Oglebay Resort Golfing Weekend	Gerald Yock
4:15	Scotty Cameron Futura Putter	Kirk Shrock
4:30	Titleist Travel Cover and Luggage	David Fiola
4:45	Mizuno StaDry Golf Bag w/2 Dozen Pro VI Golf balls	Nathan Ziants
5:00	Deep Creek Golfing Weekend	Terry Christner

Birthright Mothers Day Carnation Drive

Birthright of Somerset will once again sponsor the annual Mothers Day Carnation Drive May 10 & 11, 2019. You may contact the office until May 10, 2019 to place an order, 445-9300. Carnations are \$1.00 each. You may

pick them up at St. Pauls UCC 202 Union Street, Somerset on Friday, May 10 8-11 or Saturday, May 11 8-10. Delivery is also available!



All proceeds from this fundraiser will remain in Somerset County. Birthright of Somerset's mission is to encourage the mother to choose life and give them love, support and understanding. Free pregnancy tests are part of their services. They look to help both the mother and the baby by offering confidential, nonjudgmental guidance and emotional support.

Community Night to help The Next Step Center



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!



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.

Child Care Crisis - Bad for Business

In Cambria and Somerset counties, companies are losing out on prospective hires because would-be workers can't find quality child care for their children. Similarly, access to child care has become an obstacle for others seeking to enroll in job training programs. These and other hurdles to doing business were discussed at a recent Employer Child Care Roundtable sponsored by Johnstown Area Regional Industries (JARI) and The Learning Lamp, a leading provider of child care in the two-county area.

The roundtable discussion, which was hosted at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, brought together both employers and community-based groups who run job training programs. Participants represented businesses, organizations and other interested stakeholders such as Concentrix, Crown American Associates, Riggs Industries, JWF Industries, Barnes Saly and Company, Laurel View Village, Somerset County Technology Center, Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, PA Career Link, Goodwill Industries of the Southern Alleghenies, Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, PA Department of Human Services, PA Early Learning Investment Commission, PA Association for the Education of Young Children, and Center for Community Action Early Learning Resource Center.

The input of attendees was notably consistent—a growing number of candidates for hire and those enrolling in employment training programs cannot take jobs or commit to training schedules because they can't find care for their children.

The reality nationwide and, more specifically, in our region is that there are not enough available child care slots to accommodate the number of parents in the workforce. A recent study by the Council for a Strong America reported the economic cost of the U.S. child care crisis at \$57 billion annually. Almost two-thirds of parents surveyed reported leaving work early, and more than half reported being distracted at work or missing

full days of work due to child care struggles.

Amy O'Hara of Concentrix, a leader in high-value global business services, said that many of her employees move to Johnstown from Pittsburgh or Philadelphia and have no local support system to rely on for help with children. That coupled with the fact that most child care centers only operate until 6 p.m. are common problems.

Cambria County currently has an average of 1,000 to 1,200 job openings a month, according to JARI Director of Workforce Development Debi Balog, who noted that the lack of child care is impacting the region's ability to grow. Shawn Kaufman, director of Human Resources for Riggs Industries, witnessed firsthand how the demand for child care in Somerset County can impact the hiring of new workers. "We had a qualified candidate who wasn't able to take a job just yesterday based on the lack of available care," Kaufman shared at the meeting.

The benefits of quality early learning programs are hard to dispute. Children who attend preschool are more prepared for kindergarten and more likely to graduate

from high school. And research has found that for every dollar invested in early learning, \$4 to \$17 are saved in future expenses on things like special education services, crime and public assistance.

"It's clear that quality child care and preschool are good for children," said Leah Spangler, CEO of The Learning Lamp. "What's often missed is that they are also good for business. People can't go to work, companies can't fill jobs, and our economy can't grow without child care and preschool to meet the needs of children when parents are at work."

In addition to identifying child care stumbling blocks for business, roundtable participants also shared ideas and provided recommendations to address the crisis. Next steps identified by the group included raising greater awareness of the child care crisis and taking the issue before state lawmakers in Harrisburg.

For more information on the Employer Child Care Roundtable, contact Leah Spangler at 814-262-0732 ext. 223 or email her at Ispangler@thelearninglamp.org.

Ribbon Cutting and Open House Celebrations

Shoe Sensation

May 10 Grand Opening Celebration Noon

Discounts and special offers throughout they day.

Drayer Physical Therapy

May 14 Ribbon Cutting and Open House 4 - 7 p.m.

Meet the staff, tour the facility, explore the services offered, and enjoy light refreshments.

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Drone Pilot Training (PWT/368)

This 3+ week course will provide you with the necessary information required to pass the initial FAA Aeronautical Knowledge Test to obtain an FAA UAS Pilot's License with a UAS rating.

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Monday to Thursday June 17 to July 10, 2019 (No Classes the week of July 4) (11 sessions) Time: 3:00pm to 6:00pm

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Instructor: Dr. Michael Knapp Location: Somerset Education Site, 315 Georgian Place, Somerset, PA 15501

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

Festivals & Events

may

Frosty Mugs of Thunder Brewfest

Somerset Historical Center, Somerset (814) 445-6077 somersethistoricalcenter.org Craft beer, live music, local food. Support

local history!

Kids' Mud on the Mountain

May 25

Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Seven Springs

(814) 352-7777 7springs.com It's the kids' turn to play in the mud!

june

National Road Chainsaw Carving Festival

June 13-15 Addison Park, Addison (814) 395-3469 carvingfest.confluencelions.org See 40 chainsaw carvers create works of art for auction.

ECHF 20th Annual Miner's Day Celebration

June 13-16 Graham Avenue, Windber (814) 467-8603 echf.com Craft vendors, entertainment, basket raffle, food! Join in the 20th annual show!

19th Annual Glades Highlands **Antique Iron Association Tractor Festival**

June 14-16 2074 Huckleberry Highway, Berlin (814) 629-9976 facebook.com/ gladeshighlandsantiqueironassociation.com Antique tractors, equipment, engine show, food vendors, entertainment, free admission!

Sugar Grove Antique Show

June 15 309 Georgian Place, Somerset (814) 445-3161 facebook.com/sugargroveantiques

Vendors displaying quality antiques and collectibles. Free admission. Food vendors.

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

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\$169,000

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\$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

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Northridge Building 1590 N. Center Ave., Somerset

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

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398 W. Patriot St., Somerset

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\$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.

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Contact: Ken Halverson

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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.

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Office space for rent

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For more information, call (814) 444-9070.

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Facebook: 2,593 (likes)
Twitter: 1,275 (followers)
LinkedIn: 277 (followers)
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