

#### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CHAMBER AWARDS

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**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER EDITION 2023** 

## The Chamber Donation to The International Conservation Center

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ron Aldom is presenting a check to Ayeshah Al-Humaidhi, Director of the International Conservation Center (ICC), from the event held at the ICC this summer.

The Chamber and the ICC partnered on the event that brought over 450 people to the ICC for tours of the elephants, food and fun. Proceeds will help the ICC continue their mission of conservation and education.



#### Membership Drive

New members that join the Chamber between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 receive their membership paid in full through Dec. 31, 2024.

The \$15 one-time initiation fee will also be waived, and monthly or quarterly payment options are available.

The sooner you join, the more you save! Contact the Chamber for details.



## Leadership Class 2023-2024



The 2023–2024 Chamber Leadership Class newest participants include, **Amanda Prince**, Commonwealth Technical Institute; **Brooke Elliott**, Swanky Skin & Lash Studio; **Chelsea** Primel, Swanky Skin & Lash Studio; David Krouse, Somerset County Jail; Emillee Swank, Swanky Skin & Lash Studio; **Heather Ream**, Somerset Trust Company; **Isaac Knotter**, Somerset Trust Company; **Joshua Beistel**, Drive Devilbiss Healthcare; **Karen Aikey**, CVS Health; **Kelley Duppstadt**, Somerset Inc.; **Roslyn Pugh**, Uptown Works / Business Services by Roz; **Taylor Gontis**, Riggs Industries; **Zachary Waggle**, Somerset Welding & Steel.



#### **Monthly Sessions**

- 1. Community Non-profits/Civic **Engagement**
- 2. Healthcare
- 3. Judicial System & Local Government
- 4. Business Development &
- 5. Entrepreneurialism
- 6. Economic Development
- 7. Education & Workforce **Development**
- 8. Regional Leadership Session -REI Bedford
- 9. Agriculture, Energy & Natural
- Resources
- 10. Our Heritage/Quality of Life **Graduation Ceremony/Wrap up** session

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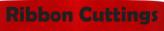
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## "Success In Somerset"

By Ron Aldom, Executive Director, Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

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that we educate



**Ron Aldom** 

our students on the careers in Somerset County, to fill the growing number of family sustaining careers in this county. The chamber has long been working with an array of partners to highlight the careers in this county, along with the training and education requirements to have a successful career in whatever area of employment fits their interests. Our programs highlight all the high demand occupations, including but not limited to: Manufacturing, Healthcare, Hospitality/Tourism, Distribution, Trucking, Finance, Agriculture and more. We do this through a series of real-world experiences that include:

- · Industry Tours
- · Panel Presentations
- · Career Expos
- · Job Shadowing
- ·Internships
- ·Seasonal Job Opportunities
- · Education & Training Fairs
- · And more...

The success of our program is evident in that we have wonderful support from our education partners and businesses and a team approach on all our career events. Somerset County is blessed to have such a wonderful workforce education system and truly highlights the compassion and leadership in this county. The Somerset County Chamber is proud to be a major partner in this endeavor and it is made possible by your support as members of the chamber.

## **Boyer Financial Planning 25th** Anniversary!

Bover Financial Planning celebrated their 25th Anniver-

sary on August 17th, 2023. Mike Boyer, Owner of Boyer Financial Planning also partnered with the Humane Society of Somerset to sponsor

25 adoption fees between the dogs and cats in the shelter. Boyer Financial Planning also collected donations to the Somerset County Humane Society at their 25th Anniversary celebration.



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## College & Technical Fair - Nov 2

**The Somerset County Chamber** of Commerce will hold its annual college and technical fair on November 2nd from 9 a.m. to noon at the Somerset County **Technology Center. Somerset PA.** 

This college fair is a unique opportunity for students and their parents to meet college admission personnel face-to-face 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 date of the **College & Technical Fair.** 



If you have a special event that you would like to share with our memebers in our newsletter, feel free to contact Hind at chamberintern@somersetcountychamber.



hosting a chamber mixer on Thursday, Dec. 7th at Uptown Works (109 E Main St, Somerset, PA 15501) from 5-7 pm.

Delicious food, refreshing drinks, exciting giveaways and important announcements. don't forget your business cards and immerse yourself in the beautifully decorated Uptown space. There will be tours available throughout the evening.

Contact the Somerset County Chamber to **RSVP by Dec. 1st** at info@somersetcountvchamber. com



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.

## 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 Sandy at

sandub@ somersetcountychamber.com

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### Golf Bash 2024

Join us for the 2024 Golf Bash at the Bakersville Fire Hall on Saturday, May 4th, 2024. Tickets will go on sale beginning in March. Check the Chamber's social media for updates and when to purchase your ticket loaded with prizes, trips, and snag some awesome coupons for the 2024 golf season.



#### CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year, the Chamber recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to our community. We are currently accepting nominations for this year's awards in the following categories:

#### **Outstanding Person of the Year Award**

Giving of oneself for the betterment of others has a profound effect on everyone and creates an atmosphere of giving and understanding, which are key to a growing community. Presented annually to a Somerset County resident(s) in recognition of outstanding accomplishments that had a profound positive affect on Somerset County. The recipient(s) may be recognized for volunteer efforts, although it may also recognize people who have gone above and beyond in their profession and whose tireless efforts truly made a difference. In all cases, this award highlights the leadership and tireless efforts of the award winner.

#### The Betty Haupt Memorial Tourism Award

Awarded in memory of Betty Haupt, former director of the Somerset Historical Center, and a former member of the Chamber's Tourism Committee. It is given to a county resident, organization or business that has made a significant effort to further hospitality/tourism in Somerset County. This also includes efforts in attracting and welcoming new residents to our county and showcasing this county as a wonderful location to live, work, play and have a business.

#### Harold W. Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Humanitarian **Award**

The backbone of every county is those who give unselfishly of themselves to improve the lives of others. Presented annually to an individual, business or organization to honor their humanitarian efforts in helping someone in need and how they went "above and beyond" in their efforts. It can be awarded for efforts locally, nationally, or internationally.

The award is named in honor of Harold W. Wheeler, Jr. who was a local business owner, benefactor, and humanitarian, who left behind a legacy of philanthropy and goodwill in Somerset County and the region.

#### Somerset County Agriculture Award

Presented annually to a grower, farmer, producer, or ag-related business who has played a significant role in branding and promoting Somerset County agricultural products in the region and beyond. Their efforts have helped highlight the value of "Buy Local, Buy Somerset County."

#### Entrepreneur of the Year

Presented to a first-time entrepreneur(s) who has launched a consumer-focused business in Somerset County. The business can be making a physical product, operating a retail business, providing a

service or anything that constitutes a business, but must be focused on the consumer. Special consideration is given to businesses that created additional jobs, because of their business.

#### Somerset County Young Gun Award

As our county progresses, it is essential that we retain and attract our youth to fill leadership roles in businesses, organizations, and our communities. This award highlights an individual under the age of 40 who has made a significant impact on his or her profession or career while making an equal impact on the community and non-profit organizations around the county through his or her volunteer time and leadership skills.

#### **Workforce Education Star**

Presented to an individual or an organization who has made a significant impact on connecting students to career opportunities while also making an impact on providing skilled workers to local businesses. The award is open to educators and business representatives, and winners are chosen by the Chamber's Success in

Somerset County Committee.

Nomination forms are available on the Chamber's website or at the Chamber office. All nominations must be received by December 8th.





# 2024 membership update forms and dues

Be on the lookout for 2024 Chamber membership update forms. Members will receive update forms for both their directory/website listing information and basic member information. *This will be the only notice you receive* to update your membership information for both the 2024 member directory publication and the Chamber's online membership directory.

Invoices for 2024 membership dues will be mailed in December. Monthly and quarterly payment options are available, as is EZ Pay.

## Local Loot

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

- 1. Check the expiration date before accepting any gift certificate. Local Loot checks are good for ONE YEAR from the date of issue listed on the check. Any expired checks accepted by a business will not be redeemed.
- 2. Local Loot should be deposited into your daily deposit, just like a regular check. You will receive 100 percent of the face value of the check.
- 3. We suggest that change NOT be given unless at least 80 percent of the value of the check will be used during the transaction. Local Loot gift certificates should not be redeemed for cash.

For additional information, contact the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce at

(814) 445-6431 or

info@somersetcountychamber.com.

#### OPEN FORE BUSINESS GOLF TOURNAMENT

1st Place - *UPMC Somerset with Scott Close, Dr. Mark Yaros, Dr. Ken VanAntwerp, and Bruce Shipley* 

2nd Place - Laurel Highlands Financial with Bill Rice, Eric

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As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am honored to support October 2023 as Local Chamber of Commerce Month. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.



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Governor Josh Shapiro







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## Event, Festival, and Fair Organizers

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce is updating the Festivals & Events Brochure for 2024. We print 15,000 brochures of these popular brochures that are distributed throughout the year to area hotels and restaurants, in various Chamber information packets, at various Chamber events and to anyone requesting festival information from our website or through the Chamber office.

We also insert the brochure in our quarterly rack through the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau beginning in August right before the festival season. The brochure also includes a QR Code that links to the tourism section of our website. This section includes all types of information on Somerset County tourism sites, plus it links to the Calendar of Events and Fairs & Festivals listed in the directory.

The cost to participate in the brochure is \$100.00 per festival/event. The festival/event or the organization sponsoring the event, must also be a current member of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce. If you wish to participate, please contact the Chamber before January 26, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber office.



## **Available Commercial Space**

**Realy One Group Landmark** Call or Text Lee Hoffman, 724-593-6195

#### 107 W Patriot Street Somerset

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

#### \$100,000

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

#### 398 W. Patriot St., Somerset

Situated in a commercially zoned area is this large, two-story, brick building currently used as an antique shop with apartment on the second floor. Many possibilities with this 2777 sq. ft. structure. There are 2 gas boilers for hot water heat on both floors. Off street parking for approx. 6 vehicles as well as parking along the street. Former garage used for retail space. The apartment has 2-3 bedrooms and some utilities are separate. \$83,500

#### 1548 N. Center Ave., Somerset

Prime location with high visibility along heavilytraveled N. Center Ave. in Somerset. Currently operating as an ice cream store. This level, developed lot could be used for any number of commercial endeavors. The half-acre parcel has frontage along N. Center Ave. with direct access and a second access from the Somerset Commons Mall parking lot. Large asphalt parking area with all utilities in place. Close in proximity to other prominent businesses and restaurants. \$425,000

#### 280 Waterworks Rd., Somerset

Great visibility as you exit the PA turnpike. This site is 1 acre and accessible from the traffic light on the turnpike access road. It is improved with a 1250 sq. ft. Subway shop, however the franchise is not included. Building could be used for alternative purposes. Most of the site is blacktop parking and is often rented for tractor-trailer parking \$650,000

#### 104 Middle Meadow Ave., Somerset

Commercial, one-story, brick building in a heavy traffic area. Includes entry area, waiting room, 2 large rooms, ½ bath and rear shop with loading dock. Perfect building and location for any retail-type business. \$250,000

#### **Westridge Properties** 814-442-7878

#### 1590 North Center Ave, Somerset

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#### 562 Berlin Plank RD Somerset- Menser Golf:

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