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**SOMERSET COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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CHAMBER UNVEILS NEW EVENT FOR 2019

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**SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER
2018**

Annual Dinner coming Nov. 13

Award recipients to be celebrated at October reception

Mark your calendars and join us for the 78th Annual Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Dinner Nov. 13 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a formal welcome at 6:30 p.m. in the resort's Exhibit Hall.

The evening will provide ample time to socialize and network while still allowing guests to sample the fine cuisine prepared by the Seven Springs culinary staff, who will create a unique menu for our multi-station strolling buffet using local products.

During the evening, the Chamber will recognize our annual award recipients. Winners of the Outstanding Person of the Year Award, the Betty Haupt Memorial Tourism Award, the Somerset County Ag-Business Award, the Harold W. Wheeler Jr. Memorial Humanitarian Award, the Grant B. Miller Award, Entrepreneur of the Year Award, the Somerset County Young Gun Award and the Workforce Education Star will also be formally recognized at a separate reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Somerset Country Club. There is a cost to attend the awards reception and reservations are required by Oct. 19. More information on these awards is on page nine of this newsletter and

nomination forms are available on the Chamber website. All nominations must be received by Sept. 14 for full consideration.

This year's Chamber dinner is sure to be a memorable occasion and it can be made even greater through your participation. Besides attending the dinner, you can volunteer your time in the pre-planning of this year's event or during the dinner. There are many ways to help and the Chamber is always grateful for its volunteers.

Please also consider being an event sponsor or making a donation to the popular "Parade of Baskets," two great ways to showcase and market your business or organization. Through your support, the Chamber can continue working for the growth and vitality of the local business community and our members. See the enclosed flyer for details on the "Parade of Baskets."

Look for invitations to this year's Annual Dinner in early October. Invitations to the Oct. 25 Awards Reception will be sent electronically and RSVPs are due by Oct. 19.

Contact the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or info@somersetcountychamber.com for additional information, to make a donation or to volunteer.

**How can you
get involved?**
Become a sponsor
of the Awards Reception Oct. 25
or the Annual Dinner Nov. 13
Make a donation to the
Chamber's "Parade of Baskets"
Volunteer your time
during the dinner

Organizers announce inaugural women's business conference

The Daily American, in partnership with the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, has announced its first Women in Business Conference, set for Oct. 5 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

This daylong event will include panel discussions, a variety of breakout sessions, a keynote speaker luncheon, vendors, ample networking opportunities, giveaways and more.

Sponsorships, which include recognition and attendance to the conference, are available, and the Daily American is seeking vendors to participate in this event.

Additional details will be forthcoming. See the enclosed flyer for more information or contact the Daily American at (814) 444-5900 or visit www.dailyamerican.com.

JOIN NOW

Fall membership drive

New members that join the Chamber between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 receive their membership paid in full through Dec. 31, 2019. 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.

Somerset welcomes America's 9/11 Ride



Ron Bruner Photo

Patrioticsite: The Somerset County community came together in August to welcome participants of the 17th Annual America's 9/11 Ride. The motorcycle ride is organized by the America's 9/11 Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports first responders and offers an annual scholarship program for children of first responders. Each August, participants meet in Somerset and travel to the three Sept. 11, 2001 crash sites to honor those killed in the terrorist attacks. Prior to this year's ride, volunteers placed 2,977 flags – one for each person killed on Sept. 11, 2001 – near the Pa. Turnpike interchange to welcome the riders to Somerset. The flags, which will remain on display through Sept. 11, were donated by FlagZone in partnership with Lowe's of Somerset and were proudly made in Pennsylvania. Volunteers also greeted participants with welcome bags Aug. 16 as they registered for the ride. A heartfelt thanks goes to FlagZone, Lowe's, Snyder of Berlin, the Meyersdale Area Merchants Association, Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, the Somerset County Commissioners, Somerset Inc. and the many community members and organizations who contributed to this special volunteer effort. See additional photos on the Chamber's Facebook page.

Chamber planning spring Golf Bash

Mark your calendars, or should we say, "Fore!"

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its first Golf Bash fund raiser, set for April 13 at the Bakersville Vol. Fire Dept. Banquet Hall.

Similar to a cash bash or a gun bash, admission includes eligibility for all prize drawings awarded at intervals throughout the day, including a major grand prize golf getaway. More than \$30,000 in fabulous golf prizes, including top of the line equipment, apparel, travel packages, outings and more, will be awarded. Admission also includes an all-you-can-eat buffet and beverages, and each ticket will include discounts to area golf courses, too. Additional small games of chance will be available.

Doors will open at noon and drawings will be held at intervals between 1-6 p.m.



Proceeds from this event will benefit projects and initiatives of both the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and the Somerset County Foundation, a 501(c)(3) through which programs like Leadership Somerset County, Success in Somerset County and Recovery to Work are funded and operated.

A limited number of tickets will be available later this fall. Additional details on this exciting event will be forthcoming. For more information or to receive updates, contact the Chamber at (814) 445-6431 or info@somersetcountychamber.com.

Volunteers are our most precious commodity

By Ron Aldom

Executive Director,

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

The annual Somerset Antique Show sort of unofficially kicks off the fall festival season in Somerset County. Two weeks later, it's county fair time and then it's on to the Farmers & Threshermens Jubilee, Mountain Craft Days, Faranda's Harvest Festival, PumpkinFest, Springs Folk Festival and a whole lot more. These events provide a lot of good, wholesome fun for everyone and highlight who we are and what makes this county so special. They also draw thousands of visitors, who provide valuable economic impact to our local businesses and non-profits.



Ron Aldom

There is one thing that every festival and event needs to be successful and without it they could simply disappear in the future. That valuable commodity is volunteers – those people who give their time and effort to make these events a success. Without them, many of our event coordinators would have to make hard decisions on whether they can continue and it would be a tragedy if they had to choose to not continue. We can't thank our volunteers enough for their efforts and we urge everyone to take a few hours to volunteer at one of these great events. There is a special feeling that goes with being a volunteer and the best way to feel it is to simply volunteer. Ask one of the 50+ volunteers who turned out recently to plant 2,977 flags at the turnpike to honor all the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001 what it meant to be a part of that event and you'll get a better understanding of that feeling. The ultimate way to experience it is to be a volunteer yourself.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time and efforts as volunteers and helps keep Somerset County a wonderful place to live, work, play and do business. We are a much better place because of people like you.

Member News

Yoder resigns: In July, James Yoder resigned from his post as Somerset County Commissioner and has been appointed as the administrator of the Area Agency on Aging. Yoder replaces Elaine Lahm, who retired from the position earlier this year. At press time, Yoder's replacement as commissioner had not been named.

Affiliation agreement: In late June, the boards of directors of Somerset Hospital and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) signed a nonbinding letter of intent to negotiate an affiliation agreement. Hospital officials are hopeful the agreement will be finalized by year's end. Additionally, Somerset Hospital Home Health has been recognized by Strategic Healthcare Programs (SHP) for ranking in the top 5 percent in the SHP national Home Health Care Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey benchmark for overall satisfaction as measured from patients' points of view in 2017.

Boland named: Joshua Boland has been named executive director of the Somerset County Economic Development Council, effective July 1. Boland replaces Joshua Miller, who resigned from the position in April.

LCT Energy gets grant: In August, LCT Energy, Johnstown, received \$2 million from the state's Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Program for the creation of a new coal cleaning plant in Shade Township, Somerset County. The project, which will cost \$15.4 million, is expected to create 100 permanent jobs and 183 temporary construction jobs.

F.O.E. donations: The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1801 recently donated \$3,000 to the New Centerville & Rural Vol. Fire Co., Shanksville Vol. Fire Co. and Sipesville Vol. Fire Co. The F.O.E. also donated \$1,000 each to Drug-Free Communities, Laurel Arts, Rockwood Veterans Memorial & Community Park, Somerset County Hazardous Materials Team and Stoystown-Quemahoning Community Park Association.

Interns award grants: The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies' Youth Philanthropy Interns awarded \$19,500 to Mary S. Biesecker Public Library's Modern Musketeering program. The interns also awarded \$25,000 to Cresson Lake Playhouse.

Maestro extends contract: The Johnstown Symphony Orchestra announced Maestro James Blachly has agreed to a contract extension and will serve as the JSO's music director through the 2020-21 season. Additionally, Maureen Conlon-Gutierrez has

been appointed JSO concertmaster.

Bank expands: Somerset Trust Co. opened two new branches over the summer, one at 161 12th St., New Florence, and one inside the North Huntingdon Township Walmart, putting the bank at 35 branches. Additionally, Troy Miller, Ann Persun and J. Scott Roberts have been elected to three-year terms as directors of Somerset Trust Holding Co. G. Henry Cook was elected to a one-year term as well as board chairman and chief executive officer. Thomas Cook was elected board vice chairman and president, and Andrew Cook was elected corporate secretary.

Uhlig retires: William Uhlig, FirstEnergy's manager, external affairs, retired from his position July 31. Ned Kendall III, who has been with FirstEnergy for 14 years, has replaced Uhlig in the role.

Stadium gets upgrades: Over the summer, Somerset Area School District installed new artificial turf at its high school stadium.

Firms merge: The National Credit Union Administration approved the merger of USSCO Johnstown Federal Credit Union and JSTC Employees Federal Credit Union July 1. The final step in the merger will be to convert JSTC's operating system to USSCO's platform. USSCO recently promoted Jeff Brlansky from member business lending/collections manager to chief lending officer. Jessica Lund was promoted to community office manager II, Moxham. Additionally, four area students each received \$1,500 through the USSCO Community Scholarship program.

District makes changes: North Star School District civics teacher Zachary Vena has been named principal of North Star Middle School. Former board member Chad Kaltenbaugh resigned his position in June to become the high school's business education teacher. Kathy Shaffer has been selected to replace Kaltenbaugh on the board and will represent the district's Region 3, which includes Stoystown, Hooversville and Quemahoning

Laurel Arts 'Art In Motion' project ready to roll

The Laurel Arts "Art in Motion" project is ready to include you with a painted bicycle at your location. We have some bikes ready for decorating and installation. A grant from the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance has allowed us to offer this at no cost to eight more non-profits in the county. If you're interested, call Laurel Arts at (814) 443-2433 and a committee member will contact you to discuss the details. You may choose to paint or decorate the bike yourself or you can share your vision with one of our volunteer artists.

— **Laurel Arts "Art in Motion" Committee**

Township.

Group raises funds: Blooms of Hope donated \$11,420.50 each to Somerset Hospice Journey's Rest and Somerset Oncology Center. The funds were raised through the committee's annual daffodil sale in February and March.

PPAC seeks donations: Officials with the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center are seeking 1,000 donations, one for each seat in the house, during the 2018-19 Full House Donor Challenge. For details, call (814) 269-7229 or visit www.upjarts.org.

Tawney named: In July, Ben Tawney was appointed the first executive director of the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank. Additionally, the organization received \$559 from Peebles of Somerset. The money was raised through the store's annual Community Counts "30 Days of Giving" campaign.

Group awards scholarships: Somerset Hospital Auxiliary recently awarded three \$500 scholarships to students Emily Gibbons, Megan Lichty and Maggie Telenko.

Events raise funds: The Daily American's Picnic With Elephants in May raised \$15,465 for the Salvation Army Somerset Center's heating assistance program. Meanwhile, Somerset Community Night with the Altoona Curve July 27 raised more than \$700 for the program.

Educators make donations: The Berlin Brothersvalley Education Association raised \$633 each for the Humane Society of Somerset County, the school's elementary playground and for the Berlin Brothersvalley Parent Teacher Student Organization. The money was raised during special dress-down days during the school year.

Support for troops: Precision Fitness organized a collection drive to support members of the military deployed overseas. The gym, along with Highlands Chiropractic, Rotary Club of Somerset, Mosholder Insurance and the Chris Fadness family, collaborated to net more than \$900 and 550 lbs. of items for the troops.

Member News

Servpro honored: Servpro of Somerset County & Westmont received the Millionaire's Gold award for outstanding sales performance during Servpro's annual convention in June.

Firm named: First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union has been named one of the Best In-State Credit Unions for 2018 by Forbes. First Peoples ranked first within its charter area, second in Maryland and 20th among the 145 institutions featured on the list – the top 2.5 percent of credit unions nationwide. Additionally, Chris Mathews, MBA, CFP®, RICP® of First Peoples Wealth Management Services recently earned the Retirement Income Certified Professional (RICP®) designation from the American College of Financial Services.

Group awards scholarship: The Somerset County Builders Association recently awarded Berlin Brothersvalley High School graduate Alexander Hay with a \$1,000 scholarship.

College adds program: Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, has added a four-year bachelor's degree in electro-mechanical engineering technology. Previously the campus offered a two-year associate degree program in electrical engineering, meaning students would need to transfer to the university's main campus to complete a four-

year degree.

Club installs new officers: Rotary Club of Somerset installed its 2018-19 officers in July. Officers are: Michael Kuhn, president; Mark Persun, president-elect; Ann Persun, vice president; Les Brillhart, treasurer; Barb Miller, assistant treasurer; and Chris Kimmel, secretary.

Borough names new officer: In August, Windber Borough Council approved Vincent Mock as Windber Area School District's new resource officer.

Boyer attends conference: Michael Boyer of Boyer Financial Planning, Inc., Somerset, recently attended LPL Financial's Focus 2018 conference in Boston. Additionally, the firm collected donations of food, treats, toys and other items for the Humane Society of Somerset County during the Boyer Financial Planning annual picnic in August.

CPAs make list: *Accounting Today* has named Barnes Saly & Company, P.C. to its 2018 Best Accounting Firms to Work For list. This marks the sixth-straight year the accounting firm has made the national list of 100 firms that excel in creating quality workplaces for employees.

Bank makes donations: 1st Summit Bank donated \$500 to Community Action Partnership for Somerset County, Tableland

Services, to support the county's transportation system. 1st Summit employees and customers also donated school supplies and monetary contributions for the bank's Red Wagon Project. This year more than 20 schools and organizations benefited from the program for disadvantaged elementary schools and organizations.

Charity benefits children: Sheetz For The Kidz, a Sheetz employee-run charity, raised more than \$598,000 through customer donations during its annual July campaign.

Vet honored: Dr. Albert Barnett received the Ring of Honor award during the Somerset County Fair in August. The award is given to families involved in horse pulling.

Event raises funds: The Dress to the Nines Basket Party held Aug. 5 raised more than \$4,000 for Somerset Oncology Center and local individuals battling cancer.

Organization receives donation: The Somerset County Military Family Support Group recently received a \$500 donation from the Meyersdale Moose.

Yunetz named: In August, the Riggs Industries Inc. Board of Directors appointed Daniel Yunetz as its president. Yunetz has been with Riggs for three years as its chief financial officer.

Chamber Member Spotlight

Business: Rustic Woods LLC

Owners/Managers: Jeffrey Luther, owner; Kathy Snitzer, manager

Address: 5100 Front St., Jenners, PA 15546

Phone: (814) 703-6169

Email: rusticwoods@rusticwoodspa.com

Website: www.rusticwoodsllc.com

Year established: 2017

Hours of operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sundays noon to 4:30 p.m.; closed Mondays

Year the business joined the Chamber: 2017

What does the business do? Rustic Woods offers authentic Amish-made furniture crafted in the U.S. along with home décor and gifts.

How did the business begin? Owner Jeff Luther previously owned a furniture store. When he purchased the Jenners Grace Brethren Church property across from his Jenners Storage Business, he decided it would make a great place to offer quality Amish furniture along with home décor and gifts.

Did you know? The store is located in the former Jenners Grace Brethren Church.

Why do the owners think being a Chamber member is important? Being a Chamber member is a great way to meet and network with other business owners and share ideas.



Want to see your business or organization featured here? Email Sheena at sheenab@somersetcountychamber.com.

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

Chamber members have much to celebrate

The Chamber was pleased to join several members in celebrating anniversaries, grand openings, new locations, new facilities and bigger spaces in July and August.



Redefined Chiropractic, 681 Main St., Rockwood, marked its one-year anniversary with an open house July 10.



Uptown Works held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate its grand opening at 109 E. Main St., Somerset, July 16.



Daily American Photo

Community leaders joined representatives of Goodwill Industries of the Southern Alleghenies July 19 for an open house and grand opening of the new Goodwill Outlet and Donation Center at 915 N. Center Ave., Somerset.



Local representatives joined Aspire Grant & Development LLC in commemorating the firm's move to 118 W. Main St., Suite 302, Somerset, on July 31.



Officials with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center unveiled the facility's new cardiac catheterization lab Aug. 2.



Somerset Trust Co. opened its 35th branch, located inside the North Huntingdon Walmart, Aug. 22.

College puts ease in transfers

By Raymond Weible, Jr., M.S. IMC
*Director of Marketing & Communications,
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College*

The fall semester is upon us and the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Somerset Center has many options available. Our academic programs prepare students for transfer to a four-year institution after graduation or to start a successful career.

One popular program that offers easy transfer is our Associate of Arts (A.A.) in psychology degree. Psychology is defined as the science of mental processes and behavior. With a degree in psychology, you learn all about the mind and more, including

theories of development, learning, cognition and behavior.

Psychology is designed for optimal transfer to any bachelor's degree in psychology or a related field. Other programs offered at Penn Highlands Somerset include accounting, business management, criminal justice, liberal arts and sciences, and small business management.

Explore what Penn Highlands has online at www.pennhighlands.edu and take the next step in your journey today. Penn Highlands Somerset offers courses in daytime, evening, online or video-conferencing formats.



SASD businesses can enjoy spotlight

By Krista Mathias
*Superintendent,
Somerset Area School District*

The Somerset Area School District is working to highlight businesses located inside the district with the Golden Eagle Business Spotlight program. Interested businesses can provide information for the district to share on its Facebook page and in classes with Golden Eagle students.

The goal of the program is to shine a light on the many businesses that are doing innovative and exciting things in the district and teach our students about the opportunities that exist right in their own



backyards. Businesses can provide information about their industry, their products and services, and the skills required to be a part of their workforce and our Golden Eagles can plan ahead to be successful in their own hometown!

Businesses can submit information on the Golden Eagle Business Spotlight form found on the district's Facebook page and website, www.sasd.us.

Education Committee seeking new members to help further projects

By Sharon Clapper

Co-Chair, Success in Somerset County

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meets at the Chamber office at noon on the fourth Thursday of the month during the academic school



year. The committee is comprised of businesses, educators, non-profit organizations, parents and community members. The mission of the committee is to serve as a link between the business and education community. The committee works in collaboration with its partners to actively support quality education initiatives that will provide a well-trained and well-rounded workforce that will meet the demands of local businesses within the region.

Workforce education activities that are coordinated by the committee include the College & Technical Fair, industry tours for teachers, parents and students, career fairs, What's My Line, career CANteens and business/industry panels. The Chamber Education Committee advises the Chamber on the development of strategies that will help prepare students for a career, further education, citizenship and an appreciation of what their region has to offer them.

The Chamber Education Committee is a great way to broaden your network of contacts and to learn more about workforce educational initiatives within our region. The committee is always in need of enthusiastic members to serve on this committee. If interested, please contact Sandy at the Chamber at (814) 445-6431.

Trail Day highlights biking

By Justin Kerrigan

Leadership Somerset County

The 2017-18 class of Leadership Somerset County is hosting an event Sept. 22 to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP), a 150-mile trail stretching from Cumberland, Maryland, to Pittsburgh. The Pa. Dept. of Conservation of Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee have announced they will be shining the spotlight on Pennsylvania's trails during the entire month of September, including the GAP!

Join us at Meyersdale Community Park for Somerset County Trail Day on Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and enjoy live music, food vendors, outdoor games, basket raffles and a fun day hitting the trails. While exploring the GAP, feel free to search for our designated photo spots and then tag your photos with #SoCoTrails for a chance to win fantastic prizes.

The Laurel Highlands provides scenic fall foliage along the GAP, and our Sept. 22 Trail Day should offer perfect weather for trail riding. Conveniently located on mile 32 of the GAP, Meyersdale is within riding distance of several landmarks such as the Salisbury Viaduct, Big Savage Tunnel and so much more. It's a 4-mile round trip to go across the Bollman Bridge, ride to the Keystone Viaduct and back to Meyersdale. It's just over 3 miles round trip to the Salisbury Viaduct and back to Meyersdale.



The focus of Somerset County Trail Day is to specifically target the Millennial generation. About 29 percent of the Somerset County workforce is over the age of 55, and the average age in Somerset County is over 45 years old. Additionally, Meyersdale offers access to sightseeing on the trail, opening the door for economic growth, which we hope will spark tourism in Somerset County and possibly attract new residents.

Creating an event that gets people out on the GAP encourages families and Millennials to explore one of Somerset County's greatest outdoor treasures! Somerset County Trail Day will benefit local biking as all money raised during the event will be donated to the preservation of the Great Allegheny Passage.

T-shirts, sponsored by Somerset Trust Co., will be given to those who attend. Other event sponsor logos will go on the back of the shirts, ultimately encouraging riders to "hit the trails!"

For more information, visit the Somerset County Trail Day event page on Facebook or search for the hashtag #SoCoTrails. We look forward to seeing you Sept. 22!

Six scenic driving tours focus of new brochure

Somerset Inc. and the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce have collaborated to create the Somerset Scenic Six, six driving tours through Somerset County and the surrounding region.

Using the Somerset County Courthouse as a starting point, each two-hour tour is unique and themed and highlights not only area attractions but also our region's breathtaking beauty and scenic countryside.

Tours are: Flight 93 Loop, Mason Dixon Loop, Mount Davis Loop, Ohiopyle Loop, Pike & Ridge Road Loop and Coal

Heritage Loop. The routes are great for anyone looking to take a scenic drive through our area, whether they be on two wheels or four wheels.

Copies of the brochure will be available this fall from Somerset Inc. or the Chamber, and turn-by-turn directions as well as GPX files are available for download at

www.somersetscenicsix.com.

This project was made possible in part thanks to the Somerset County Tourism Grant Program, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1801 and the Eagle Riders.



Important Chamber updates

2019 membership dues

Be sure to look for your 2019 Chamber membership renewal forms, which will be mailed in early October. Payment will still be due Dec. 31, 2018, but members now have the opportunity to pay their dues earlier in the year. Monthly and quarterly payment options are available, as is EZ Pay. For details, contact the Chamber.

New board member

Tom Lear, CHA, general manager of Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Somerset, has joined the Chamber's Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Chamber board nominations

The following individuals have been submitted by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce's Nominating Committee for positions on the 2019 Board of Directors:

Three-year terms

Mark Bower, Rockwood Area School District

Danni Conn, Beggs Brothers Printing

Lladel Lichty, United Way
of the Laurel Highlands

Dave Redick, CVS Health

Chris Robbins, Fike, Cascio & Boose

One-year term

Andy Rush, Somerset Hospital

48th Annual Somerset Antique Show

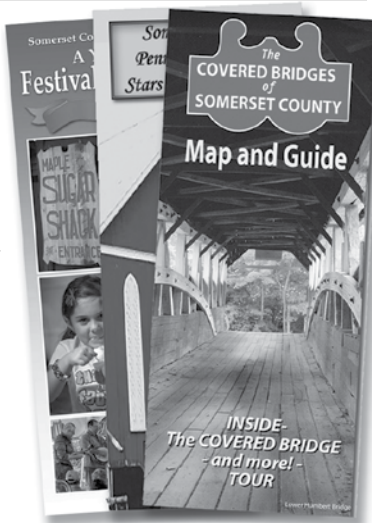


On the streets: Thousands visited the 48th Annual Somerset Antique Show on the streets of Uptown Somerset Aug. 11. Nearly 90 dealers participated in this year's show along with numerous food vendors. The Chamber would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their services during the event: Ron Bruner, Emaline Diehl, J.R. Gardner, Vanessa Gardner, Missy Holiday, Christine Hutzell, Shawn Kaufman, Lladel Lichty, Riley McCoy, Sharlene McCoy, Dan Mickey, Nancy Miller, Ryan Nasewicz, Tricia Paul, Katrina Perkosky, Rebecca Spoerlein, Fred Will and a group from Twin Lakes Center. Join us Aug. 10, 2019 for the Chamber's 49th Annual Somerset Antique Show.



Popular brochures available for distribution

Be sure to have copies of our popular *Somerset County Covered Bridge – And More! – Tour*, *Somerset County Pennsylvania Barn Stars and Decorations Driving Tour and Map*, and the *2018 Somerset County Festivals & Events* brochure, favorites for tourists visiting our area each autumn, available for distribution at your business this fall. Visit the Chamber to get yours today.



LHVB hosting eighth annual Marketing Summit this autumn

By Anna Weltz

Director of Public Relations,
Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau

Marketing pros and business owners, do you want to learn the latest trends in digital marketing from industry professionals and leaders in digital marketing?

Then join the LHVB for the 8th Annual Marketing Summit, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Nov. 2 at the Fred Rogers Center of Saint Vincent College. This year, we welcome speakers from Olson Zaltman, Level. Agency, Reimagine Main Street, Gatesman Agency and Saint Vincent College on these topics:



- Make Marketing Automation and AI Work For You
- Shifting Algorithms of Facebook and Instagram
- Diversity and Inclusion: Representing Women of Color in Media and Marketing
- More than just Searching & Reviews: Google's "Power Tools" for marketers!
- Digital Storytelling

Registration includes all the coffee you can drink, a breakfast spread and an awesome lunch of soup, salad and pizza plus snacks available on your table. We will also have prizes and giveaways from Summit T-shirts to tech gadgets.

Don't miss out on the after party! Immediately after Summit ends, the party continues at Four Seasons Brewing Company & Pub in Latrobe. Admission to the Summit is \$50 per person for LHVB partners and \$75 for non-partners and includes the after party.

To register for this event, please visit www.laurelhighlands.org/summit.

P.S.: Be sure to save the date for the LHVB's 60th anniversary annual dinner on Oct. 4. Stay tuned for details on what will be an unforgettable event in the neighborhood!

Chamber's Annual Awards

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

Outstanding Person of the Year Award

This award is presented to a Somerset County resident in recognition of outstanding accomplishments outside of their vocation. It is intended to recognize a person for public service in a volunteer effort. Key consideration for this award should be volunteer service involvement, which may come in the form of leadership, monetary support or participation as a worker.

Betty Haupt

Memorial Tourism Award

This award is given 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 or business that has made a significant effort to further tourism in Somerset County.

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Ag-Business Award

This award is presented annually to a grower, farmer or producer 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."

Harold W. Wheeler, Jr.

Memorial Humanitarian Award

This award is 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., a local business owner, benefactor and humanitarian who left behind a legacy of philanthropy and goodwill in Somerset County and the region.

Nomination forms are available on the Chamber's website or at the Chamber office. All nominations must be received by Friday, Sept. 14 for full consideration. Recipients will be announced in early October and will be recognized at a special reception Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Somerset Country Club as well as at the Chamber's 78th Annual Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. For more information or to RSVP to either event, contact the Chamber.

Grant B. Miller Award

This award is given in memory of Grant B. Miller, a former director and dedicated volunteer of the Chamber. The selection is based upon any accomplishment within a business or profession, if it had a rather direct effect and benefit to the area, or it may be based upon any accomplishments generally beneficial to the area and its residents. Although the award is presented to a member of the Chamber, their accomplishments need not have come while working for the organization or within its framework. Preference, however, could be given for outstanding work within the Chamber.

Entrepreneur of the Year Award

This award is 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.

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Young Gun Award

This award is presented to 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

This award is presented to an individual 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 the winner is chosen by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce's Success in Somerset County Committee.

Upcoming Chamber Mixers



Fairfield Inn & Suites Mixer

Thursday, September 20 5-7 p.m.

Fairfield Inn & Suites
117 Tollgate Road, Somerset



Uptown Works Mixer

Thursday, October 11 5-7 p.m.

Uptown Works
109 E. Main St., Somerset

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.

Stumped on gift ideas?

Local Loot

A great gift for

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

Accepted
at more than
50 area
businesses

Certificates on sale at the Chamber.

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

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20% discount on custom websites and website redesigns for Chamber members, plus FREE domain registration and web hosting for the first year!

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

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

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Available Commercial Space

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESERVICES 800-419-7653

Quill Haven Bed & Breakfast

Sold January 2, 2018

This award-winning B&B at 1519 N. Center Ave., Somerset, has 9 bedrooms and 7.5 baths in the bed and breakfast, a proprietor's suite with a 2-bedroom in-law suite. On 2.8 acres with large barn in good condition for storage. Visit
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\$475,000

Contact Robert "Wags" Wagner at (412) 551-1859.

Sherman's Ice Cream Parlor 450 Latrobe Ave., Confluence

Fully equipped with U-shaped bar, coolers, grill and fryers and fridge and freezer. Upstairs is a renovated 2-bedroom apartment with appliances and washer and dryer. Visit
LaurelHighlandsLiving.com for more information and photos.

\$174,500

Contact Robert "Wags" Wagner at (412) 551-1859.

Store and apartment

This building at 114 N. Market St., Ligonier, is in the first block north of town center. Downstairs business space has built-in cabinets and is handicap compliant. Upstairs is a renovated 2-bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment with appliances. Ready for a new business. Five dedicated parking spaces. Town parking lot across the street. Visit
LaurelHighlandsLiving.com for more information and photos.

\$425,000

Contact Robert "Wags" Wagner at (412) 551-1859.

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.

Commercial Space Available (814) 443-6796

For rent

Office/warehouse space for rent at 806 Byers Road, Somerset.
Call Stoney Rice at (814) 443-6796

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

564 Stoystown Road, Somerset

Versatile brick commercial building conveniently located near Route 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 use.
\$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 1,450 sq. ft. to 1,800 sq. ft. and common walls could be moved to enlarge a specific unit. Central air throughout. Large lot with nicely landscaped lawn.
\$260,000

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.

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.

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 tlstdclair@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.

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.
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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.
\$69,500
Contact: Ken Halverson

730-736 N. Center Ave., Somerset

Business opportunity located near PA Turnpike, restaurants, motels/hotels, and other businesses. This 16-unit motel also includes a 2-bedroom, 1-bath residence, parking area and newer metal roof.
\$315,000
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.
\$169,500
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.
\$175,000
Contact: Rita Halverson

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

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.
\$249,000
Call Sue Koontz.

Somerset Pike, Boswell

Parking for 75+ cars, restaurant seating capacity of 230, bar seating of 30+. Banquet facilities, private rooms for larger parties.
\$224,500
Call Joe Geary.

Tabernacle Drive, Somerset

Investment opportunity! One-level office/medical building. Handicap accessible. Located in Somerset Borough. 180 ft. of road frontage along busy Edgewood Avenue. Parking for 22+ cars on 1 acre. New roof in 2017.
\$99,000
Call Joe Geary.

Business Opportunity

The current owners created and opened the doors 19 years ago and they'd like to pass this successful business opportunity on to someone else. Top floor has 3-bedroom apartment.
\$169,000
Call Bernice Lape.

Main Street, Somerset

New and lower taxes! Four-story office/apartment buildings. Two floors of office space, 2 floors of apartments. Separate utilities. Elevator, handicapped accessible. Central air on 1st and 2nd floors.
\$159,000
Call Joe Geary.

Confluence B&B

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 \$384,000
Call Sue Koontz.

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.

Board Member Profile

Gerald Walker

Company: Somerset County Commissioners

Phone: (814) 445-1400

Email: walkerg@co.somerset.pa.us

Educational background: 1982 graduate of Shanksville-Stonycreek School District and Somerset County Technology Center

Work experience:

Prior to taking office as a Somerset County Commissioner in January 2016, worked for Stonycreek Township for 19 years, including 15 years as supervisor. Also has many years of experience as a dairy farmer.

Personal: He and wife Kim have been married for more than 30 years and have two children.

Interests: hunting, collecting antiques

Board term: November 2017 - November 2019



Gerald Walker

Website hits for July 1 - Aug. 22, 2018

Total website hits: 9,750

Total pages viewed: 36,455

Total visitors: 7,869

Home: 5,581

Calendar: 4,741

Tourism: 1,579

JSO July 4th Fireworks & Concert event listing: 943

Member Directory: 923

Somerfest event listing: 780

Goodwill Grand Opening event listing: 432

Social media likes and followers

Facebook: 2,342 Twitter: 1,246

Pinterest: 145 LinkedIn: 240

Voter registration deadline Oct. 9

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 6 midterm Election is Oct. 9. Contact the Somerset County Voter Registration Office at (814) 445-1549 or visit www.votespa.com for more information.

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Upcoming Chamber events

Sept. 20 Fairfield Inn & Suites Mixer, 5 to 7 p.m., Fairfield Inn & Suites,
117 Tollgate Road, Somerset

Oct. 5 Women in Business Conference, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Seven Springs
Mountain Resort, 777 Waterwheel Drive, Seven Springs

Oct. 11 Uptown Works Mixer, 5 to 7 p.m., Uptown Works, 109 E. Main St.,
Somerset

Oct. 25 Awards Reception, 4:30 p.m., Somerset Country Club, 416 Plank
Road, Somerset

Nov. 13 78th Annual Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Dinner,
5:30 p.m., Seven Springs Mountain Resort, 777 Waterwheel
Drive, Seven Springs

11th Annual Pittsburgh Zoo Safari



Jordan Keiser Photo

Zoology: Thousands of Somerset County residents enjoyed an evening at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium Aug. 16. This trip was made possible thanks to the zoo, Somerset Trust Co., the Chamber, Bull's Eye Security Inc. and the Daily American.

