

May 2021

The Chamber Advantage

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Happy May Greetings!

Greencastle-Antrim was beautiful this past Saturday, with clear blue skies and lilacs in bloom, but it was made even more beautiful by the community crew who gathered for the Chamber's May Day Clean-Up Day. Thanks to all the volunteers who offered their Saturday morning to gather trash! Thanks, as well, to **Waste Management** for providing the dumpster and to **Brother's Pizza** for the added treat of pizza lunch! You'll notice that the month of May is full of other happenings you'll want to attend!



Also, did you hear the good news? The Chamber received permission for road closure for Sidewalk Days! Mark your calendars for July 9 & 10 and plan to enjoy our beautiful little town!

—Valerie



Welcome New Member!

Hal Myers
dba **American Water Group**
PO Box 111, Shady Grove PA 17256



Thank you Renewing Members!

ACNB Bank
American Cancer Society
The Center of Balance
Cermak Technologies
Christopher Reibsome Law, LLC
Eberly's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Fayetteville Contractors, Inc.

GRC General Contractor, Inc.
Greencastle Lions Club
Harnish Drywall
HEPACO
Kristian Frank - Merrill Lynch
Magisterial District Judge Duane Cunningham
Mikie's Ice Cream & Green Cow Gifts

Penn National Insurance
Pictures Plus
Renfrew Museum & Park
Visiting Angels
Vogue to Vintage
Waste Management
WestPenn Power

Chamber Calendar

**MAY
11**

WOMEN'S SEMINAR Flexible & Focused

Who Local business leaders: Katherine Titus, Jocelyne Melton & Sherri Stahl
Sponsored by F&M Trust
What "Flexible & Focused: The Character of Today's Women Business Leaders"
When May 11, 8 - 11 a.m.
Where Rhodes Grove Conference Center
Info Enjoy breakfast, shopping with local vendors and presentations from local leaders



**MAY
15**

3RD SATURDAY IN THE SQUARE

Who Join the G-ACC and local vendors at 3rd Saturday in the Square!
Sponsored by West Penn Power and The Cara Sheaffer Group
What Hand-crafted artisan and food vendors
When May 15, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where The Greencastle square
Vendors Call 717-597-4610 to become a vendor.



**JUNE
4**

33rd Annual Golf Tournament

Who Join the G-ACC, participating members and sponsors
Sponsored by Craig, Friedly, Potter & Moore
What A morning of networking, refreshments, prizes and golf!
When June 4, 8 a.m. Bloody Mary Bar, 9 a.m. Shotgun Start
Where Greencastle Golf Club
RSVP Register your foursome [HERE](#).



PENN NATIONAL
INSURANCE



**JULY
9-10**

54th Annual Sidewalk Days

Who The G-ACC, vendors, community members and more
What Shopping with local and national vendors, food trucks & entertainment
When July 9, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and July 10, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where Downtown Greencastle
Vendors Merchants and food vendors apply [HERE](#).
Sponsored In part by ELM Shoes & Herald-Mail Media
[Interested sponsors contact the Chamber.](#)



Special Invitation

FROM THE CHAMBER

GREENCASTLE
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of COMMERCE

Sponsored by:

F&M
TRUST

MAY
11

Flexible & Focused

The Character of Today's Women Business Leaders

8 – 11 a.m.

Rhodes Grove Conference Center
\$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members

A morning brunch will be provided
with some time for visiting special vendors including:
Grace&Heart Jewelry, The Center of Balance, Mama K's Buns & Honeybird Designs



Featured Speakers



Katherine M. Titus was appointed head of Mercersburg Academy in July 2016. Katie came to Mercersburg after serving as associate head for school life at St. George's School in Middletown, Rhode Island. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in secondary education from Middlebury College and a master's degree in educational leadership from Columbia University in 2011.



Jocelyne Melton is the CEO of Baxter Group, Inc., a Certified Indoor Environmentalist, and an innovative leader in Business Development & Marketing. In 2019, the Baxter Group received the SBA Women Owned Business of the year award for Eastern Pennsylvania region and later that year, was chosen as the recipient of the Franklin County Area Development Corporation (FCADC) Small Business of the year award.



Sherri Stahl is the Senior Vice President for WellSpan Western Region. Previously she held the role of CNO and SVP for Summit Health. Currently, Sherri is responsible for the oversight of the western region of WellSpan to include; growth and access, entity operations and leadership, performance improvement and quality.

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**4 PLAYER
SCRAMBLE**

**9AM
SHOTGUN
START**



33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 4, 2021

Public Welcome

Registration

Format - 4 Player Scramble

\$100.00 Entry Fee

Includes golf, breakfast, lunch during golf,
mulligan, powerball and raffle tickets

Please register by May 21, 2021

Hole Sponsors Needed

\$100.00 Hole Sponsorship Fee
(placed at tee)

Please register by May 21, 2021

Please include the following information:



Tournament Sponsored by

Craig, Friedly, Potter & Moore

CFP&M
INSURANCE AGENCY

RSVP HERE

Members in the News



Horizon Goodwill Industries recently hired Craig Foster as Marketing & Public Relations Manager and Audi Labedda as Development Manager. Craig has worked in marketing for over 25 years in a wide variety of businesses. Audi previously worked for the State of Maryland in various community/economic development services.



A racecar seat insert designed to reduce spinal injury, a device that allows musicians with hand injuries to keep playing, and

an e-commerce solution for farmers earned Penn State students cash to continue developing their products during the **Mont Alto LaunchBox LION Tank** pitch competition. Read more [HERE](#).



Strickler Insurance Agency announced their newest team member, Laura Witter. Laura will serve as an Assistant Business Insurance Specialist in the Chambersburg office.



ENR MidAtlantic

ENR MidAtlantic recently named **Herbert, Rowland & Grubic Inc. (HRG)** the 2021 ENR MidAtlantic Design Firm of the Year. Read more [HERE](#).



The **Greencastle-Antrim Education Foundation** celebrated a groundbreaking of the Kaley Field Project with Superintendent Lura Hanks and major donors, including F&M Trust which donated \$75,000 toward the project.



For the last three decades, the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at **Penn State Mont Alto** has educated and developed about 750 highly qualified, caring OTAs, while becoming a part of the fabric of Franklin County. Congratulations!



The **Lilian S. Besore Memorial Library** and Franklin County Library System are providing backpacks, tents and programming to help you get outdoors. Funded by Summit

Endowment, part of WellSpan Health, "Check Out Our Backyard" kits will be available to check out year-round from local libraries.



Shalom Christian Academy celebrated the groundbreaking of their new Elementary Expansion. Congratulations!



Leah's Legacy founder Michael Straley released his book, "The CALLING" - an emotional journey of parents struggling to understand their daughter's battle with addiction. Read more about it [HERE](#).



Greencastle Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine is happy to welcome Jenna Strite, PT, DPT to the team. She has an undergraduate degree from Slippery Rock University in Exercise Science, as well as her Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy. Read more [HERE](#).

Legislative Updates



Rep. Paul Schemel

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ECONOMIC RECOVERY SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

"The House Majority Policy Committee recently released the results of its COVID-19 Economic Recovery Business Survey conducted earlier this year. The overriding message was that government needs to get out of the way of the Commonwealth's businesses to help them lead the way toward our post-pandemic economic recovery. [Read the full report here.](#)

PROTECTIONS FOR RESIDENTS

STRUGGLING WITH DRUG ADDICTIONS PASS HOUSE

The House approved three bills designed to assist Pennsylvania residents struggling with drug addictions and help save lives. All three bills will now be considered by the Senate.

- House Bill 220 would clarify that a person cannot be denied treatment at a public or private rehabilitative facility based solely on a negative drug test. Facilities may still deny treatment for other than clinical reasons to those with a negative test. The bill was introduced in response to a case in which a young man overdosed after using an opioid under the belief that a positive drug test was required to be accepted for treatment.
- House Bill 741 would require drug recovery houses to notify a resident's emergency contact when the resident is evicted, self-discharges, or leaves and fails to return. "Justin's Law" was prompted by another case of a young man who overdosed and died after leaving a recovery house without his family's knowledge.
- Similarly, House Bill 944 would require a treatment facility to notify a patient's emergency contact when the patient leaves against medical advice.



Sen. Judy Ward

Senate Box 203030, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3030
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RESTAURANT RELIEF FUND

The Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) provides emergency assistance for eligible restaurants, bars, and other qualifying businesses impacted by COVID-19. Registration for the RRF began Friday, April 30, 2021, at 9 AM EDT and the Small Business Administration (SBA) began accepting applications via the application portal on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 12 PM EDT. The application portal will remain open to any eligible establishment until all funds are exhausted. Visit SBA's website [HERE](#) for details.

EXPLANATION OF UPCOMING IMPORTANT BALLOT QUESTIONS

**ALL PA VOTERS WILL
HAVE THEIR SAY ON
MAY 18**

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

BALLOT QUESTION #1

A **YES** Vote Means:

A majority of PA state lawmakers, elected by the people, can vote to end emergency declarations and restrictions on citizens.

A **NO** Vote Means:

A governor, alone, holds the power to continue emergency restrictions indefinitely even if a legislative majority votes to end them.

BALLOT QUESTION #2

A **YES** Vote Means:

Emergency declarations limited to 21 days unless the General Assembly, elected by the people, approves longer.

A **NO** Vote Means:

A governor, alone, can extend declarations, including "emergency" provisions, business closures, and restrictions indefinitely.

Details on two other ballot questions can be found at PAHouseGOP.com/voiceofthepeople

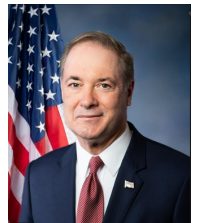
"When voters head to the polls on May 18, they will have the final say on three potential amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution. The way the Wolf Administration worded two of these questions has been roundly criticized as confusing and prejudicial, so it is critical for voters to understand what the questions really mean before casting their votes.

"The first question asks whether the General Assembly should be allowed to terminate an emergency declaration if a governor continues to wield emergency powers long after the disaster has passed. A **YES** vote means the General Assembly could serve as a check on the governor's power during an emergency to protect the rights of Pennsylvanians."

Read Sen. Ward's full comments as published in GoErie, [HERE](#) and her video explanation [HERE](#).

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Congressman John Joyce



DR. JOYCE INTRODUCES PASSPORT ACT TO DEFEND AMERICANS' MEDICAL FREEDOM, PREVENT VACCINE PASSPORTS

"Congressman John Joyce (PA-13) introduced the Protecting Americans' Safety, Security, and Privacy Over Repressive Tyranny (PASSPORT) Act, which would prohibit federal funds from being used to develop, implement, support, or endorse vaccine passports.

"Safe and effective vaccines are important tools as our nation seeks to eradicate the COVID-19 pandemic and restore our communities. As a doctor, I believe that every American who wants a vaccine should be able to get one – but that choice must remain solely with the individual," said Dr. Joyce. "Like many Americans, I am alarmed by proposals encouraging 'vaccine passports,' which would be a dangerous and radical infringement on Americans' fundamental rights. Today I introduced the Protecting Americans' Safety, Security, and Privacy Over Repressive Tyranny (PASSPORT) Act to defend Americans' medical freedom and prohibit taxpayer support for any attempt to restrict our liberties with vaccine passports. As a nation, we must safeguard our individual rights and prevent further government overreach into our health and privacy."

"Dr. Joyce's legislation would prevent taxpayer dollars from supporting any system under which an individual is required to provide documentation that shows the vaccination status of an individual in order for that person to conduct an activity, including to travel or attend an event."

Read the full text of the PASSPORT Act [HERE](#).

PA Chamber of Business & Industry



President Gene Barr



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PENNSYLVANIANS PAY EXTRA FOR PUBLIC PENSION

"In Pennsylvania, state lawmakers have had a problem common among politicians. They've liked to increase benefits, but didn't like making anyone pay for them. This history of generosity has helped put Pennsylvania's public pensions into a deep financial hole. But steps to remedy that are now catching up with state teachers and taxpayers. Forced to cover the higher pension checks, state and local taxpayer funding for PSERS, the big retirement plan for public-school educators, has risen year after year, soaring from just over \$600 million in 2010 to \$5 billion this year. Now a little-noticed provision of a reform passed in 2010, known as the "shared risk" rule, has come back to haunt PSERS officials – and teachers, too. Under the rule, teachers, not just taxpayers, must pay more into the \$64 billion pension system whenever profits fall short on investments." Read more of this article by the Philadelphia Inquirer [HERE](#).

CHANGE TO STATE CORPORATE TAX DEADLINE SIGNED INTO LAW

"Legislation unanimously passed by the General Assembly to change the due date for the filing of Commonwealth corporate taxes has been signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf.

"Act 10 of 2021 changes the due date of Pennsylvania corporate tax returns from 30 days after the due date of the federal return to the 15th day of the month following the due date of the federal return.

"The PA Chamber supported this legislation because it will bring greater predictability and stability to the Commonwealth's business community. The filing deadline change will help address confusion regarding the state tax due date for Pennsylvania's corporate taxpayers." Read more [HERE](#).

PA CHAMBER URGES PRES. TO PRIORITIZE NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT

"Ahead of President Biden's sweeping announcement on climate policy recently, the PA Chamber added its voice to a coalition of industry and labor calling on the president to incorporate and promote the development of natural gas as a key component to his administration's plan to lower carbon emissions. A letter co-authored by the PA Chamber, Marcellus Shale Coalition, PA Manufacturers Association and Pittsburgh Works Together (a coalition of industry and labor organizations in the Pittsburgh region) – highlights the significant positive impact the natural gas industry has had on Pennsylvania's economy, as well as lowering overall emissions." Read more [HERE](#).



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

DREAM BIG AWARDS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications and Referrals Now Open - The U.S. Chamber's [Dream Big Awards program](#) honors the achievements of small businesses and highlights their contributions to America's economic growth. Do you know a small business in your community that exemplifies innovation, entrepreneurship and initiative? [Click here](#) to refer a business that you would like us to contact about the application to be considered for the 2021 Dream Big Small Business of the Year and a \$25,000 cash prize, or encourage them to apply directly now by [clicking here](#). Please note that the deadline for both applications and referrals is Friday, July 16, 2021.

SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATOR GRANT AND RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND GRANTS AVAILABLE

Shuttered Venue Operator Grants

"While the return of PPP loans and expanded tax credits grabbed many of the headlines when the government passed stimulus bills in December 2020 and March 2021, the new Shuttered Venue Operators (SVO) grant program could also play a significant role in helping eligible businesses. Specifically, the SVO grant program will distribute more than \$16 billion to live venue operators, including eligible movie theaters, concert spaces, museums and performing arts organizations.

"Any business that wants one of these grants must have an active government System of Award Management (SAM) account, so it's crucial to sign up quickly at SAM.gov. The application portal for SVO grants is now open." Learn more about eligibility or application [HERE](#).

Restaurant Revitalization Fund

"The Restaurant Revitalization Fund, part of the recently passed American Rescue Plan Act, provides \$28.6 billion in grants to restaurants and bars in need.

"The SBA began registrations for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund on Friday, April 30, 2021, at 9 a.m. and opened applications on Monday, May 3, 2021, at noon. The online application will remain open to any eligible establishment until all funds are exhausted."

For more details about eligibility and application, click [HERE](#).



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