

June 2021

# The Chamber Advantage

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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# The Chamber Advantage

Have you been keeping up on the news at the Chamber? We have a lot to share this month!

As you may already know, the Chamber has a new executive director: Debby Cunningham, who is working alongside me in preparation for assuming the role completely by mid-July. I am heading closer to family, but will be sticking around for the Chamber's 54th Annual Greencastle-Antrim Sidewalk Days. (Wouldn't miss it!)

AND -- I hope this hasn't passed you by -- the G-ACC has partnered with the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce in the formation of the CUMBERLAND VALLEY BUSINESS ALLIANCE (CVBA)! Members of each chamber are now members of the broader & bigger CVBA. We'll be celebrating the launch of the Alliance next Tuesday, June 8, at Antrim Brethren in Christ Church. Come celebrate the start of this exciting entity and learn more about the benefits of your CVBA membership!

In preparation for my move, I've had the chance to visit with the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce. They're getting ready for a couple big annual events, too, one in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of UTZ Potato Chips. Though the names and faces are different, I was struck with the similarity of commitment to their members and the community. I've learned a lot over the five+ years I've been at the Chamber, and what has impressed me most are the real-life businessmen and women working hard for the well-being of the Greencastle-Antrim business sector & the G-A community. Chamber friends, you are in good hands! It has been my pleasure to serve you! Most sincerely,

— Valerie

It has been just three short weeks since I started at the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce. On my second day, I attended the Chamber's Women's Conference with the theme "Flexible and Focused." This theme describes what I've experienced these past few weeks and look forward to in the next few months. I'm focused on learning as much as I can from Valerie about the behind-the-scenes organization and planning for the upcoming Chamber events. We have been working together on the final details for the Golf Tournament, working with vendors for 3rd Saturdays on the Square & Sidewalk Days, and the many facets that make these great community events. I'm also focused on the Cumberland Valley Business Alliance, our joint partnership with the Chambersburg Chamber, and learning about how our Chambers will be working more closely together to benefit you - the Chamber members.

Like most jobs, being flexible comes into play for day-to-day activities, from planning multiple events to personal interaction. It's wonderful to have members of the community call in or stop by the office to ask a question or bring in an application and photo for a "Hometown Heroes" banner. The best part has been working with people in the community that I already know and getting to meet new people. I'm looking forward to working with more of you and being a resource to assist you.

— Debby

# ChamberCalendar

**JUNE 4**

## 33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thanks to Craig, Friedly, Potter & Moore for sponsoring this year's tournament! We'll see you on the course!



PENN NATIONAL  
INSURANCE

**JUNE 8**

## CVBA LAUNCH PARTY

**Who** The Chambersburg and Greencastle-Antrim chambers, community members and business representatives  
**What** The Cumberland Valley Business Alliance Launch Party with BBQ & ice cream  
**When** June 8, 4-6 p.m.  
**Where** Antrim BIC Church, 24 Kauffman Rd. E., Chambersburg  
**RSVP** Online [HERE](#).



**JUNE 15**

## REVIVE MED-SPA & INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE RIBBON CUTTING

**Who** Revive Med-Spa & Integrative Medicine  
**What** Ribbon Cutting  
**When** June 15, 12 p.m.  
**Where** 2371 Buchanan Trail West, Greencastle  
**RSVP** Online [HERE](#)



**JUNE 17**

## MORNING NETWORKING ADVANTAGE

**Who** G-ACC Executive Director Debby Cunningham & CVBA Membership Director Jordan Nace  
**What** A morning meet & greet  
**When** June 17, 8-10 a.m.  
**Where** G-A Chamber of Commerce, 217 E. Baltimore St., Greencastle  
**RSVP** Online [HERE](#)



**JUNE 19**

## 3RD SATURDAY IN THE SQUARE

**Who** Join the G-ACC and local vendors at 3rd Saturday in the Square!  
**What** Hand-crafted artisans and food vendors  
**When** June 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Where** The Greencastle Square  
**Vendors** Registration forms available [HERE](#)  
**Sponsor** West Penn Power and The Cara Sheaffer Group



**JUNE 26**

## BRANDED MEATS & DELI RIBBON CUTTING

**Who** Branded Meats & Deli  
**What** Ribbon Cutting and Open House  
**When** June 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Where** 102 S. Antrim Way, Greencastle  
**RSVP** More Info [HERE](#)



**JULY 9 & 10**

## 54TH ANNUAL SIDEWALK DAYS

**Who** Food & merchant vendors, community members & entertainment  
**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** Merchant and food vendor registration forms [HERE](#).  
**Sponsor** Blaise Alexander Chevrolet of Greencastle





May 24, 2021



Dear Chamber Member,

The Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce and Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce are excited to launch the Cumberland Valley Business Alliance (CVBA), a joint business partnership between the two chambers. CVBA is a business alliance created to serve as a unified voice of business in the Cumberland Valley region for members of the Chambersburg and Greencastle-Antrim chambers of commerce.

This member-driven partnership allows both chambers to retain their individuality in their respective communities while fostering a stronger voice of business. Each chamber will remain governed by its board of directors, retain its local office and host its community events. CVBA will arrange special business networking events for the combined membership including an annual meeting, mixers and other activities.

Your membership with the Chambersburg and/or Greencastle-Antrim chamber will soon be converted into one, single membership with CVBA. As a CVBA member, you will automatically be a member of both chambers and enjoy a variety of benefits including:

- Exclusive membership in Chambersburg and Greencastle-Antrim chambers under one convenient CVBA billing
- Streamlined communications to the larger CVBA audience such as newsletters, e-blasts, directory, etc.
- Greater access to business trainings, programs and resources
- Special combined events for increased networking opportunities
- Expanded member services, benefits and more

CVBA will be governed by members of the Chambersburg and Greencastle-Antrim boards of directors to ensure the partnership aligns with each organization's mission and values. In the coming days you will receive a special invitation to the CVBA Launch Party on June 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Antrim BIC Church; this will be a mixer-style event with great networking, barbecue and ice cream. We hope you will attend to hear more about the partnership, and how it will benefit your business. Learn more at [CVBAAlliance.org](http://CVBAAlliance.org).

Thank you for your support of the business community and local chamber of commerce. In the coming months you will be contacted by a CVBA team member to convert your membership.

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On behalf of the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce & Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce, you are invited to the



# LAUNCH PARTY

**JUNE 8 | 4-6 P.M.**

**Antrim BIC Church, 24 Kauffman Rd. E., Chambersburg**

*Please join the Chambersburg and Greencastle-Antrim chambers for the launch of the Cumberland Valley Business Alliance (CVBA) on Tuesday, June 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Antrim BIC Church.*

*This mixer-style event is for members of both chambers and will be hosted inside briefly for a CVBA presentation followed by networking with BBQ, ice cream and other refreshments outside. Please bring business cards and wear a mask when within six feet of others.*

**RSVP at [Chambersburg.org/Events](https://Chambersburg.org/Events) by June 1.**



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# Members in the News



**Joy El** recently celebrated the dedication of the Welcome Center as part of a major expansion and renovation campaign. The new building offers a central, welcoming office for staff and enhances guest services. More [HERE](#).



**Shalom Christian Academy** is excited to welcome Olivia Birkhimer as their newest Kindergarten teacher, Robert Hand as their newest 2nd grade teacher, Joyce Camut as their newest 4th grade teacher, and Bonnie Gingrich as their newest secondary math teacher! More [HERE](#)



Congratulations to project manager Kaye Goodman who recently celebrated 20 years as a member of the **HRG** team. Kaye joined HRG as a financial services technician in 2001.



The Washington County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointment of Rick Johnson as Airport Director at **Hagerstown Regional Airport** effective June 14, 2021. More [HERE](#).



**Rotz & Stonesifer, P.C.** would like to announce the addition of Lucas Glunt to their Greencastle office location. After interning for the 2021 tax season, Lucas accepted a full-time position beginning in June.

## Welcome New Member!

### Keller Williams Premier Realty

## Thank you Renewing Members!

Armada Supply Chain Solutions

Blue Skies Painting

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

Cordell Masonry

CVR Uniforms

Edward Jones-Shaun Basalik

Express Employment Professionals

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Manitowoc

Mockingbirdhil, Inc.

Phoenix Dental Care, LLC

Quad-State Air Compressor Sales & Service

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown

Violets & More

Waynesboro YMCA

# Legislative Updates



Rep. Paul Schemel

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## TERMINATION RESOLUTION HEADS TO PA HOUSE

House Resolution 106 by House Majority Leader Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre/Mifflin) to end destructive portions of Gov. Tom Wolf's emergency disaster declaration relating to COVID-19 was approved by the House State Government Committee. HR 106 would terminate the administration's ability to use the COVID-19 emergency disaster declaration to participate in no-bid, single-source contracting; reestablish work search requirements waived by the Department of Labor and Industry; and end the ability of the governor to use the emergency disaster declaration to dictate occupancy limits, business closures and stay-at-home orders. It now goes to the full House for consideration. More [HERE](#).

## BUREAU OF ELECTION AUDITS PROPOSED

Speaker of the House Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) has introduced legislation to establish a Pennsylvania Bureau of Election Audits under the office of the state's auditor general. The bureau would be required to conduct result-confirming audits of each election in the Commonwealth. Proposed to be established with a new appropriation in the state budget of \$3.1 million, the bill is awaiting consideration by the House State Government Committee. More [HERE](#).



Sen. Judy Ward

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## EASING REGULATORY BURDENS ON JOB CREATORS

With Pennsylvania's employment rate lagging behind those of other states emerging from the pandemic, the state Senate this week approved several bills to rein in job-stifling regulations.

- Senate Bill 28 -- Increased Permitting Transparency
- Senate Bill 126 -- Automatic Three-Year Review of Economically Significant Regulations
- Senate Bill 520 -- Legislative Votes on All Economically Significant Regulations
- Senate Bill 426 -- Thorough Legislative Review of Proposed Regulations More [HERE](#).

## COMMITTEE ADVANCES BILL TO PROHIBIT VACCINE PASSPORTS

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee has advanced a measure that would ban the state, as well as local governmental entities and school districts from requiring vaccine passports, according to the committee's chair, Senator Michele Brooks (R-50). The legislation, sponsored by Senators Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-28), Judy Ward (R-30) and Brooks, is in response to other states implementing and developing vaccine passports. It now moves to the full Senate for consideration. More [HERE](#).

# PA Chamber of Business & Industry



President Gene Barr



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## WORKFORCE SHORTAGE SLOWING ECONOMIC RECOVERY

PA Chamber of Business and Industry President and CEO Gene Barr issued the following statement regarding the current state of Pennsylvania's workforce as employers experience challenges filling open positions:

"As Pennsylvania begins to re-open, employers are reporting serious workforce shortages which are hindering the state's economic recovery. Over the past several months, we have increasingly heard from our members that despite Pennsylvania's high unemployment rate and employers raising wages, a large number are having difficulty filling open positions. This has forced employers across a broad spectrum of industries – including restaurants, construction, manufacturing and supply chain/logistics firms – to reduce hours or even close operations. While expanding childcare options has been a priority for years, a recent study found that childcare issues are no longer significant factors in the nation's employment recovery. Rather, policies that are related to unemployment are exacerbating the current workforce challenges, including: continued waiving of the work search requirement and the additional \$300 in weekly federal benefit payments, resulting in an estimated 40 percent of claimants making more in benefits than they were in wages. As a result, 24 states have ended their participation in the enhanced federal benefit program." Read Barr's full statement [HERE](#).

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY TO HOLD OFF UNTIL JULY TO REINSTATE UC WORK SEARCH REQUIREMENT

Starting on July 11, the state Department of Labor & Industry will no longer waive the work search requirement for individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits. Additionally, the Department has proposed waiting until September to reinstitute the requirement that UC beneficiaries register with CareerLink. These requirements were waived in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic when the state saw a surge in unemployment claimants resulting from the business shutdown orders that were part of the Wolf administration's initial mitigation efforts.

Last week, a PA Chamber-led coalition consisting of local chambers from across the state sent a letter to the General Assembly advocating for companion House and Senate bills – H.B. 406 and S.B. 689 – that would reinstate the work search and CareerLink requirements on a more expedited timeframe. Find a link to the letter and the full article [HERE](#).



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